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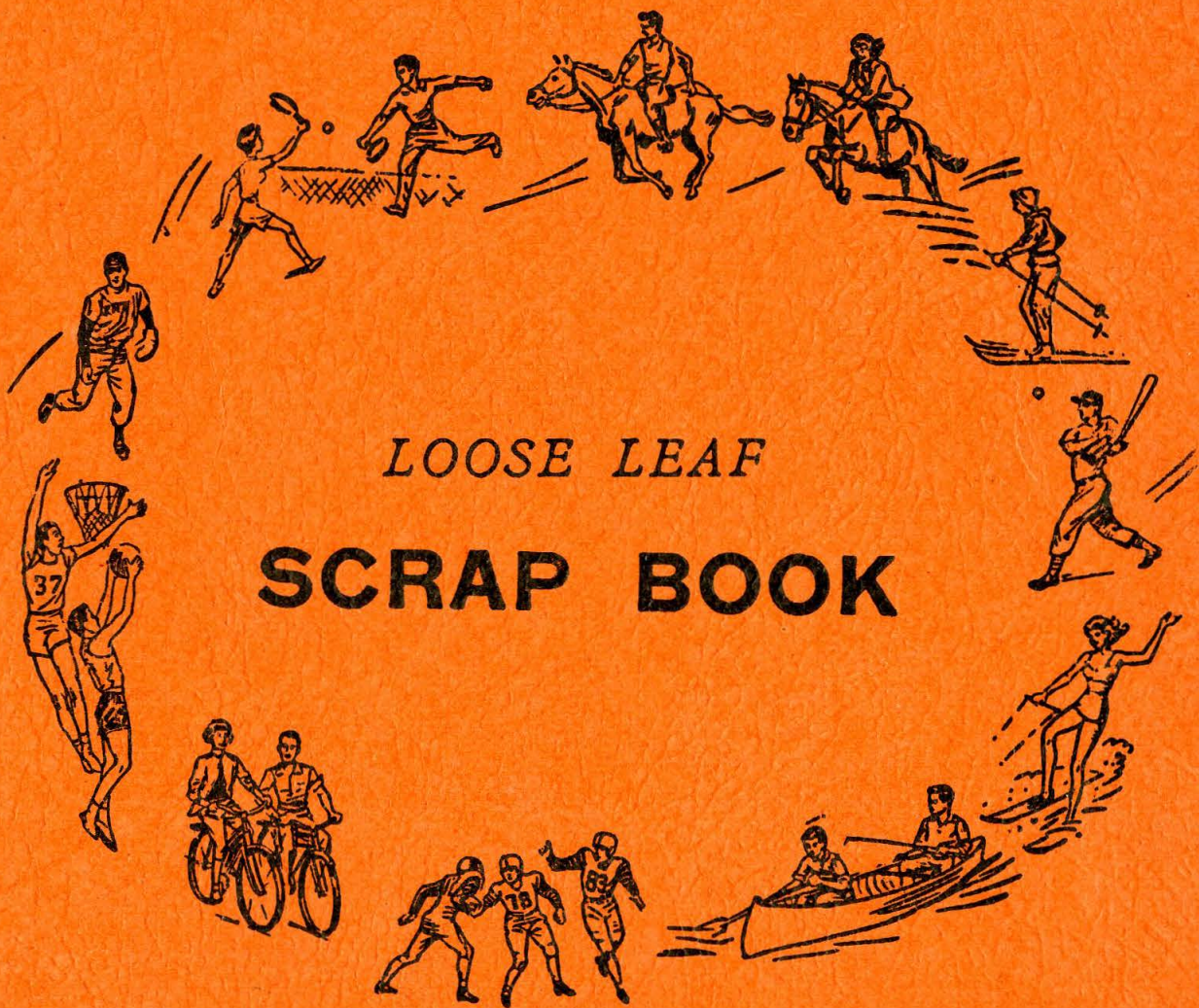
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TRADE MARK

Bacteria Hunter

Boy, 15, Builds Own Laboratory

A TOWN OF Pendleton youth, who hopes to become a doctor, has his own bacteria lab but his parents are dubious about the "bugs" he is culturing.

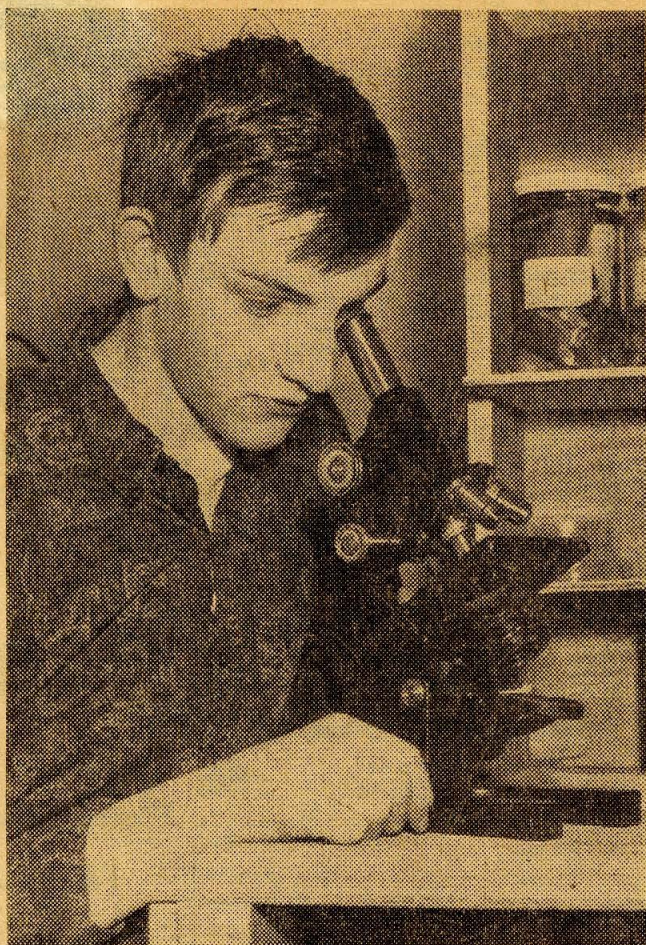
Andrew Strout, 15, of 7183 Bear Ridge Road, built up the bacteriologic laboratory from a small mail-order kit. He now has about \$400 worth of equipment, including a professional quality microscope.

He started it all in a corner of his own room when at age 12 he sent for a \$4 biology kit described in a catalogue. When an older brother went into military service, Andrew branched out into the brother's room.

Now he is looking for a place to rent in a building away from the family home. He wants to be able to work alone without interruptions. He frankly admits that his parents fear he will open a "Pandora's Box" of bacteria harmful to himself and other members of the family.

MUCH OF Andrew's out-of-school time is devoted to his avocation. In summers he has worked at any jobs he could find—handyman, babysitter, yard worker—to pay for equipment. All of his spending money goes toward his lab.

This summer he hopes to secure a job at Roswell Park Memorial Institute in a youth training program. The work would pay \$90 a month plus educational rewards.



FUTURE SCIENTIST ANDREW STROUT

ANDREW, who calls himself an average student, said:

"You don't have to be smart to do something you want to do . . . Interest is the thing, interest and hard work."

His work is not directly

connected with his studies at Starpoint Central High School. At first, he said, some teachers tried to restrain him in his project by saying it was a waste of time and money.

Now, he said, the teachers try to encourage him.

In fact, he borrowed a small incubator from the school.

He plans to inject disease-causing bacteria into chicken eggs to see how the chicks which hatch from the eggs will react.

In another experiment, Andrew has friends touch laboratory dishes with their fingers. He then places the dishes into ideal laboratory conditions for the growth of bacteria.

"It's surprising to see what bacteria is carried on the human fingers," he said.

ANDREW ADMITS that his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Strout, are a bit worried about the experiments with disease-causing bacteria. Mr. Strout is an employe of the New York State Electric and Gas Corp., Lockport. Mrs. Strout is an English teacher at Kenmore West Senior High School. One of Mrs. Strout's colleagues, a biology teacher, employed Andrew last summer to help him earn money for equipment.

Other friends have helped by loaning him equipment. One loaned him a microscope. A physician, whom Andrew met while on a traveling babysitting job, offered to help him financially when he is ready to go to medical school.

Andrew's heroes in literature are not the usual adventurers. He reads about scientists. His favorite is Dr. Robert Koch, German physician and bacteriologist of the 19th Century, who did pioneer research with tuberculosis and anthrax.

Area Girl Composes Song, Entertains on Radio Show

PENDLETON—Two girls from Starpoint Central School have learned to harmonize on teen-type songs which one of the pair writes herself.

They have made their first appearance on the Joey Reynolds radio show, a Buffalo broadcast popular with teen-agers, with their song "VIP," a satire on radio disc jockeys.

They are Linda Moritz, 14, of 7221 Bear Ridge Road, the composer and alto of the team, and Melissa Strout, 7183 Bear Ridge Road.

For those who might suspect Linda of being too Beatles-minded, she hastens to say that Carl Sandburg and Walt Whitman are her favorite poets. She is a member of a poetry-reading family. She writes poetry herself and sometimes an inspiration for a verse is so strong that she may awaken at 3 a.m. to jot down some lines.

LINDA AND "LISA" sometimes sing in a quartet with Linda's sister, Joyce, 11, and a neighbor, Kitty Stewart, 9.

All have sung in school groups, but Linda has had no formal lessons. She does not claim any special talent but credits her family's love of music and poetry for her sense of rhythm.

She taught herself to read and play music with a 108-year-old church organ her father bought for \$25. Her father, Leonard Moritz, a machine rebuilder for the Mohawk Machine and Tool Co., Buffalo, bought the small organ from his employer and repaired it.



SONGSTERS LINDA MORITZ, MELISSA STROUT

LINDA USES a guitar borrowed from an uncle for song writing. She taught herself to play the guitar from a book. She strats a tune by picking out a combination of a few notes. If the combination suits her, she develops a theme from it. She next tries the theme on her family. If they like it, the girls get together to try it for harmony.

She said she might spend several hours combining just a few notes. If she is not in the mood for writing, nothing develops. Other times a theme might "strike her" and she hurriedly

puts it on paper. The product of one theme is a song, "You Are the One."

Most of her nocturnal inspirations have come to her in the form of poetry. She plans to set some of this poetry to music.

Soprano to Present Concert for Jaycees

The Niagara Falls Jaycees will present Miss Carol L. Baggott, soprano, at a recital Aug. 8, in Howard Hall Auditorium at the YWCA at 8 o'clock.

Miss Baggott is the daughter of Mrs. Dorothy M. Baggott, 305 South 1st St., Lewiston, and Mr. William F. Baggott, 1101 Elliott Drive, Lewiston.

A 1962 graduate of Lewiston-Porter and at present a senior vocal major at the College of Emporia, Emporia, Kan., Miss Baggott was selected a semi-finalist in the 1965 "Voices of Tomorrow Contest" in Buffalo.

She is vice president of the Phi Epsilon chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon International, honorary music sorority.

She has appeared with the College of Emporia Toppers, a select chorus, at the New York World's Fair in June 1964, spending the remainder of the summer under scholarship at Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony, Opera Workshop, Eureka Springs, Ark. Miss Baggott also played the leading role in the Lewiston Porter production of "Oklahoma."

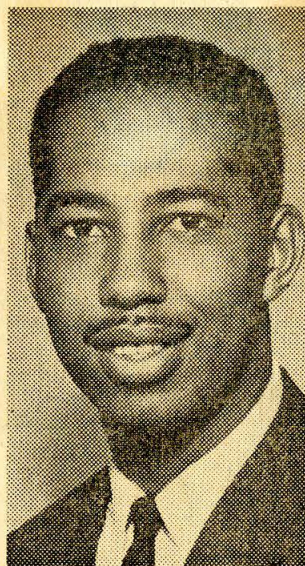
Her recital will include 16th and 17th century selections by Caccini and Handel, 19th century German Lieder by Brahms, Schubert and Schumann, arias from 19th and 20th century operas by Bizet, Massenet, Puccini, Barber and Menotti, as well as several miscellaneous pieces of contemporary vocal literature.



MISS BAGGOTT

Miss Baggott will be accompanied by Glenn Tilyou, pianist and composer of the musical "Tom Sawyer" to be presented at Prudhomme's Gardens, Aug. 25, and again at Melody Fair, Sept. 12. The recital will include one of Mr. Tilyou's compositions.

Proceeds from the recital will be used for the Niagara Falls Jaycees Scholarship Fund.



GARY E. BURGESS

Name Tenor For NAACP Observance

Gary E. Burgess, a tenor, will be guest soloist at a celebration Aug. 22 marking the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Niagara Movement, the forerunner of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The celebration begins at 4 p.m. at St. John's AME Church. Roy Wilkins, executive director of the NAACP, will be the main speaker.

Mr. Burgess, a native of Bermuda, is a tenor soloist at First Presbyterian Church here. He attended Cambridge University, England, and the Juilliard School of Music in New York City. He is presently enrolled at the University of Toronto School of Music.

Also singing will be the Chancel Choir of New Hope Baptist Church. Mrs. Plea Greene will direct the choir.

Casper Jordan is chairman of the celebration. Mrs. Harwood Bond is in charge of music. Mrs. Vera B. Trimier is president of the Niagara Falls Chapter of the NAACP, which is sponsoring the event.

Church Staff Is Elected

John A. Dawson, Dr. Glenn H. Forrester, Mrs. George H. Thompson and William T. Terrell were elected to the board of trustees of the First Unitarian - Universalist Church at its annual congregational meeting.

New members elected to the religious education committee are David Nelson and Mrs. Robert D. Howard. The congregation met at the church's Unity Hall, 639 Main St.

Reporting on units of the church were:

Mrs. David Straw, Women's Afternoon Alliance; Charles Bicking, Liberal Religious Youths; Miss Ruth Bitter, Junior Audubon Club; Thomas B. Crosse, Building and Grounds Division; and Boy Scout Troop 89; Mrs. Peter Morrow, Churchmanship Division; Mrs. Jennie McLellan, Religious Education Division; Edwin Nelridge, finance, and John Peterson, every-member canvass.

Rev. J. Donald Johnson, minister, said the church is experiencing steady growth.



UGF WORKERS — Mrs. J. Donald Johnston, left, Charles Shiah and Beverly Ingrasci map plans for

UGF budget review. They took part in UGF budget orientation meeting Wednesday.—Gazette Photo.

Farm House 'Retreat' for Cleric's Wife

By DIANE BEAUGE
Gazette Staff Writer

A RAMBLING old farm house in West Newbury, Vt., is "home" to Mrs. Margaret Johnston. The 19th century structure on an isolated 12-acre plot has been a family retreat for 21 summers.

For the wife of a clergyman, who has accustomed herself to moving, making friends, then moving again, the farm house is a "constant" worth keeping.

"It's nice to have a home of our own," she said. "It's a place to which our children can come. It provides continuity for the family. For no matter where we are in the winter, we return to the farm in the summer."

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TRANSCIENCE has been the byword with Mrs. Johnston since her marriage to Rev. J. Donald Johnston, pastor of the First Unitarian Church.

They met in Chicago, where Mrs. Johnston, then Margaret How, was employed as a secretary to the head of the orthopedic division of the University of Chicago clinics, and the Rev. Mr. Johnston was a student at Meadville Theological School.

After their marriage in 1937, they lived in Boston, Mass., where the Rev. Mr. Johnston was executive secretary of the young people's division of the church.

Mrs. Johnston took a job as secretary to the minister of King's Chapel, one of the city's oldest churches.

A year and a half later, the couple left for Flushing, N.Y., where the Rev. Mr. Johnston had his first congregation.

Their home was close to the site of the former New York World's Fair. "Each night we could hear the final song, 'Finlandia', and see the fireworks. We had 65 visitors the first year it opened."

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MRS. JOHNSTON turned her attention to becoming a full-time minister's wife and mother of four.

"I always felt that a minister's wife had a special role. She could be an active part of her husband's work if she was interested in doing it and thereby help the congregation and herself."

Eight years later, the family returned to New England, this time to Keene, N.H., "a small town nestled in the hills and fed by neighboring small towns and farms in the outlying areas."

It was while they were there



Gazette Photo

MRS. J. DONALD JOHNSTON

that they responded to an advertisement in a New York paper and acquired their farm house, about 100 miles from Keene and 30 miles north of Hanover, N.H.

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SUCCESSIVE MOVES took them to Newport, R.I., and Deerfield, Mass.

Mrs. Johnston admits that being a minister's wife has its drawbacks. "There has to be a new doctor, a new dentist, a new school, and a new PTA. But with the congregation, we feel immediately at home because the people have chosen us to come."

"It was stimulating for our children to see new areas and historical spots. They kept in touch with friends as they moved."

They were in Bethesda, Md., for three years before moving here in 1961. They reside in the church parsonage at 1221 Garfield Ave.

The family had been to Niagara Falls in 1955 as sightseers,

stopping on the way in a cross-country camping tour. "I never thought then that we would be living here now," Mrs. Johnston said.

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ONLY ONE of the children is still at home. She is Margaret, 14, a ninth grader at North Junior High School. The others are Bradford, 19, a sophomore at Colgate University, Hamilton; Mrs. Jon Iams, 23, of Arlington, Va.; and Mrs. Laurence Holmes, 25, the mother of two, in East Lansing, Mich.

To avoid confusion with her youngest, Mrs. Johnston goes by "Peg," while her daughter takes her given name or "Mugs."

Activities beyond the home have begun to occupy more of Mrs. Johnston's time.

"Even with my church work, I still had extra time. I felt it would be beneficial for me to broaden my horizons."

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SHE IS a substitute teacher in the Niagara Falls school system, and is working for certifi-

ication by taking courses at Niagara University. Little did she suspect that upon graduating as an English major from Rockford (Ill.) College, she would someday be teaching that subject in a junior and senior high level.

"I had done Sunday school teaching but I had no idea that I would enjoy it or be any good." She is called an average of twice a week for substitute duties.

Her husband is pleased with her outside work, Mrs. Johnston noted. "He's proud of the fact that I'm able to do it. He feels it is good for me and that it gives me new perspective and makes me more stimulating."

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CHURCH WORK continues to play an important part in her life. She serves on the program committee of the Women's Alliance and is co-chairman of a bazaar planned for Nov. 18.

She is vice president of the St. Lawrence Unitarian-Universalist Women's Federation which encompasses Western and Northern New York and churches in Canada from Toronto to Montreal.

She is also a member of the governing board of the district, composed of 10 elected lay and clerical representatives. Her specific area of responsibility is with the youth activities.

She is a member of the College Club, served on a United Givers Fund panel, assisted with the Planned Parenthood canvass and was a member of the Integrated Housing Committee.

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A THWARTED THESPIAN, Mrs. Johnston once harbored dreams of seeing her name in lights. Active in college dramatics, she studied at Chicago's Goodman Theater for a year before she decided that secretarial work was more to her liking.

Her interest in theater persisted and she acted sporadically in church and community groups. Her last appearance, in 1961, was a lead in Shaw's "Arms and the Man," in Bethesda. Although her interest remains, Mrs. Johnston feels she has "outgrown" her desire to act.

In its place she acquired a new avocation—weaving. A parishioner from Queenston, Ont., whet her appetite for learning the craft. Now she makes weekly trips to Queenston to operate the 36-inch loom, making various ties, handbags and table mats.

Peace Corps Duty Rewarding

By VIRGINIA HOWARD

Gazette Staff Writer

PLAYING basketball in Malaysia on a team composed of Chinese Malaysians and receiving signals in Mandarin is a good way to become acquainted, a 24-year-old Lewistonian contends.

Llewellyn Howell Jr., 1710 Ridge Road, Lewiston, has completed two years abroad as a Peace Corps member assigned to Malaysia. He showed slides and talked on his experiences in the Lewiston First Presbyterian church Sunday.

In giving suggestions to any prospective Peace Corps candidate, Mr. Howell advised against "fantastic plans to help the country." He advocated starting with a small project and getting acquainted slowly.

Persistence is needed to carry on any plan in a country such as Malaysia, where the climate tends to enervate natives and visitors alike.

"Only continual perseverance with the help of native volunteers can carry a project through to completion rather than a solo performance," he said.

"The Peace Corps is difficult to get into," Mr. Howell explained.

"Training includes about a five-month period of study of economics, American and Asian culture and religions, physical education and a concentrated language study of the country to be visited. The Peace Corps candidate's health must be nearly perfect."

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THE AGES of his Peace Corps fellow trainees ranged from 22 to 66 with the majority in the middle 20's.

As a teacher in Malaysia during the first year, Mr. Howell taught science and English in secondary school in a city of 10,000. The second year was spent in a rural school.



FAREWELL GIFT — A 200-year-old sword given to him by the principal of the school where he taught, is held by Llewellyn Howell. Gazette Photo

The schools are operated in the British system with standards and forms similar to English schools. All students in all grades in all schools must wear a standard uniform. Boys wear blue shorts with lighter blue sport shirts.

Girls wear blue jumpers with the same type lighter blue sport blouse. Shoes are required and most wear a tennis type of shoe, well made by the Chinese who excel in making basketball attire.

The educated natives speak English. An occasional shopkeeper was surprised by Llewellyn's ability to converse in the native tongue which brought quick

response and many questions concerning the United States.

As the sole white man in the area where he taught, the six-foot-tall young man with auburn hair made friends and initiated various projects. His proudest achievement was the start of a library.

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OVERCOMING a traditional reluctance of native teachers to make books available to the public, Llewellyn built up an excellent library through cooperation of teachers and librarians, contributions of Peace Corps organizations and a "bonanza" supplied by students in the Niagara

Falls 93rd Street School many of whom were "pen pals" of the Malaysian pupils.

A few of the difficulties encountered by the young teacher included the climate with excessive humidity. A school recess and siesta were the custom for all from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. daily.

Learning customs proved another hurdle to be crossed such as "never point a finger at anyone, either adult or pupil! Teachers are allowed to strike pupils, using judgment however, so as not to enrage a Malaysian parent, although the pupils of Indian parents expect the same punishment at home after such a school reprimand.

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TASTE for highly seasoned food was acquired gradually. However the legs of squids appearing in a bowl of rice or noodles was not a happy discovery for the young American.

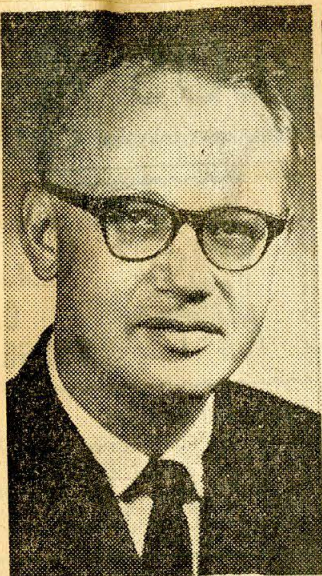
His city house rented for the first year included living room and two bedrooms. A wall in the back enclosed a kitchen and primitive bath with no roof over either.

In the rural section he lived with 12 teachers and meals were supplied by a cook.

A Malaysian may have as many as four wives if each additional wife is accepted by the second and third. All help with the house work and in the rice paddy.

A touching farewell was given the young teacher before his departure. Pupils brought gifts. One son of a shopkeeper brought a can of pineapple, cake of soap and a towel, all valuable commodities.

But the most sincere, Llewellyn said, was the gift of an 11-year-old boy from a very poor family. He brought an old "dog eared" comic book, his most prized possession wrapped in brown paper and a picture of his parents."



J. A. WHIPPLE

Export Unit Head Named At Carbo

J. A. Whipple has been appointed manager of the newly organized export branch of the marketing division of the Carborundum Co., William W. Evans, director of marketing, announced today.

A graduate of Wayne University School of Business Administration with a degree in marketing, Mr. Whipple joined Carborundum in 1951. In 1953, he temporarily left Carborundum to work for one of its distributors, Joseph E. Loughhead, in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Returning to Carborundum in its Chicago office in 1956, he became district office manager in 1958. In 1963, he became assistant manager of the district administration branch and returned to Niagara Falls.

In his new position, Mr. Whipple will be responsible for the administration of export order handling and sales order service, the coordination of worldwide export activities and the development of marketing plans for increasing participation in the world trade market.

Mr. Whipple resides with his wife and four children in Lewiston.



SIGN OF THE TIMES — Prospective members of the League of Women Voters of Niagara Falls were introduced to areas of league concern at a picnic Wednesday at the home of the president, Mrs. Claude A. Fraser, Ransomville. Mrs. William C. Mc-

New, right, a prospective member, notes the sign held by Mrs. Fraser, center, and Mrs. Robert S. Craig, membership chairman, indicative of the League's stand in favor of the pure waters bond issue. — Gazette Photo.

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Women Voters

The purpose of the League of Women Voters is to promote political responsibility through informed and active citizens participating in government.

On this year's local agenda are:

1. Further evaluation of the Niagara Falls City Charter with support of measures which will result in a more workable and definitive charter.

2. Study of urban renewal and support of an auditorium and/or civic center on former railroad property in the South End of the city.

League officers are: Mrs. Claude Fraser, Ransomville; president; Mrs. John Vanderburgh, Lewiston, first vice president; Mrs. Robert Craig, Lewiston, second vice president; Mrs. Leon Page, this city, secretary, and Mrs. Lee



MRS. CLAUD FRASER

Richardson, treasurer. Mrs. Joan Marmet is voters service chairman.

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Chemist Prefers Stress on Ethical Life to Theology

By DICK KLUG
Gazette Staff Writer

Churches would have far greater impact upon the world today if they placed more stress on good, ethical living and devoted less time to theological speculation.

That's the opinion of a Niagara Falls man who sees the day-to-day problems of ethics as being much more important to modern man. "It's sort of a pragmatic approach, I guess you'd call it," says John A. Peterson, 812 87th St., a research chemist with the Hooker Chemical Corp.

Theological questions — heaven, hell, original sin, the Trinity or even the existence of God — involve "quite a bit of speculation," he notes. "They are essentially non-answerable questions."

Can't Ignore Theology

At the same time, the soft-spoken 39-year-old chemist believes theology shouldn't be totally ignored. "People seem to need this," he says. He would explain it as "a matter of relative emphasis" and that for him at least the solution of the here-and-now problems of man are more vital to his living a fruitful life.

Mr. Peterson, who was raised a Presbyterian, is now a member of the First Unitarian Church. He says his shift to one of the most liberal of Christian denominations was "a gradual type of thing," a shift that may have had its origin in his days as a student at the University of Wisconsin.

"I had one of the most impressive Presbyterian ministers I have ever come across," he recalls of his student days. The pastor's sermons, were not the usual "garden variety" type heard all too often in churches, he says. Rather they dwelled unceasingly on the question of how man should get along with his fellow man.

The actual change in denominations, however, didn't occur until he came to Niagara Falls.

"I would guess it was then I started thinking about the theology I purported to believe in. And I discovered that by delving into it more deeply I wasn't really so much interested in theology as such. The ethical part appeared and still does appear to be more important."

Perhaps the great majority of Christians would see an intimate union between ethics and religion, that living the good life depends to a great extent on obeying the precepts of one's religion.

Mr. Peterson respectfully dissents from this view. For he says a person "can make a heck of a lot of mistakes

whether guided by his religion or by his own innate reason. The best we can do is attempt to learn from the failures and successes of the past."

The chemist sees signs that the churches today are becoming more practically involved in the everyday problems of man and points out as an example their activity in the current battle to win equal rights for the Negro. Most of the major denominations have taken a stand on the side of the Negro, he says.

These actions win a firm stamp of approval from Mr. Peterson, for he says:

"If we can take care of the present adequately, we can let the hereafter take care of itself."

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Teacher Engaged To Marry

Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Hallett, 1336 Niagara Ave., announce the engagement of their daughter Miss Mary Lynne Hallett, to Paul Irish, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rae Irish, 920 Pine Ave.

Miss Hallett is an alumna



NEW UNIFORMS, NEW PROGRAM — Mrs. Gary Burgess, RN, associate professor of Niagara County Community College's new nursing education program, helps three students adjust their new blue and white uniforms at the Parkway Inn Friday, where a special program was held. Student nurses, from left, are Katherine Kidla, Kathleen Pogel and Lois Baker.—Gazette Photo.



Gazette Photo

REHEARSAL—The First Unitarian Church will present the Jean Paul Sartre play "No Exit" at the church Friday at 8:30 p.m. Here members of the cast run through an act. Seated in a chair is Mrs. Parke Morrow Jr. and from left are Stuart D. Sim, Mrs. John A. Dawson and Mrs. Gary E. Burgess.

FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH
OF NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y.
639 MAIN STREET
SUNDAY SERVICE 11:00 A.M.
J. Donald Johnston, Minister
(UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST)

Cox Named Renewal Director

Robert A. Cox Jr. was named to head community development projects today by the Niagara Falls Urban Renewal Agency.

The appointment of Mr. Cox as the agency's development administrator was made by unanimous vote of the agency at a special meeting at City Hall. His salary was set at \$19,500 a year.



COX

In accepting the appointment, Mr. Cox said, "Niagara Falls is moving toward a new greatness. The opportunity to direct the professional staff which will be working to create a new urban environment is both a personal honor and an exciting professional challenge."

Mayor E. Dent Lackey, chairman of the agency, said it is "an extremely fortunate coincidence" that Mr. Cox is available. He has been executive director of the Society for the Promotion, Unification and Redevelopment of Niagara Inc. for the last 14 months.

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Mayor, Cox To Washington

Robert A. Cox Jr., the newly appointed administrator of the Niagara Falls Urban Renewal Agency, wasted little time getting down to business.

Only a few hours after his appointment this morning, Mr. Cox left with Mayor E. Dent Lackey for Washington, D. C., to attend a national "ACTION" conference which will deal with the topic "Our Troubled Environment."

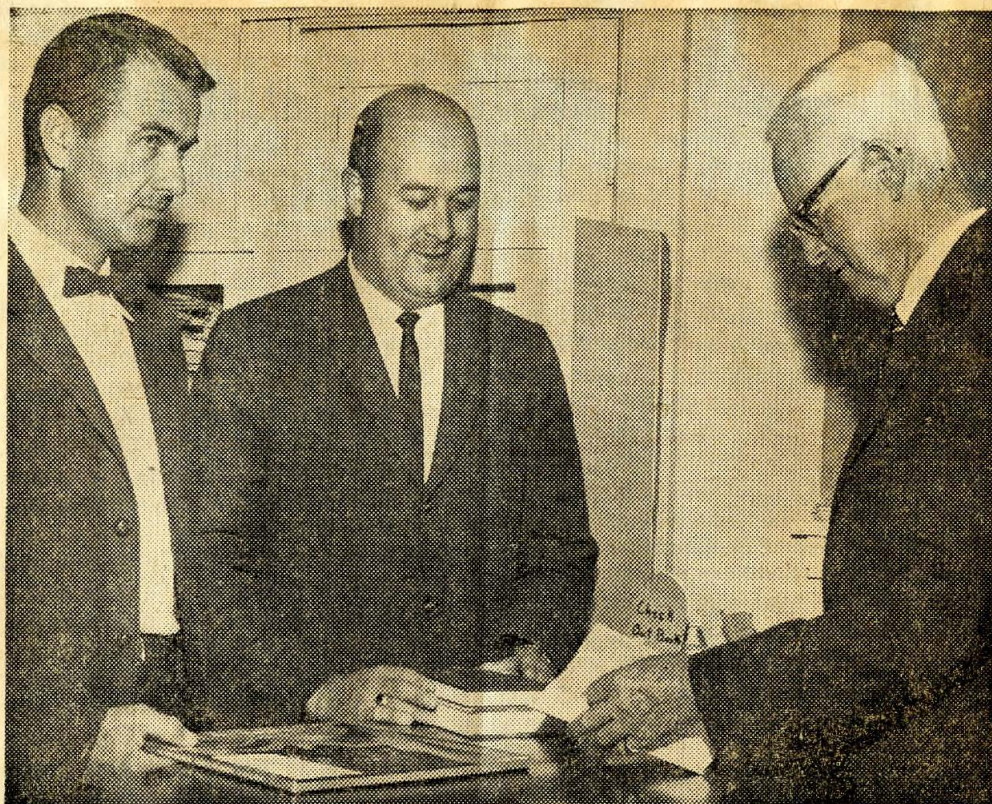
At the conference, Mr. Cox and Mayor Lackey will meet with Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and leaders in the field of urban affairs. Among them will be officials from the Office of Economic Opportunity and the Housing and Urban Development Department.

They will also visit the Atomic Energy Commission.

Mayor Lackey said new material relative to the Niagara Falls International Airport and the film, "The Impatient Frontier," will be presented to AEC officials.

"During our visit we will also search for qualified personnel to work in our urban renewal agency," the mayor said.

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AID LIBRARY — R. Lindley Murray, right, chairman of the special gifts division of the Lewiston Free Library drive, tries his hand at checking out books and record albums for two members assisting with the canvass.

From left are Arthur Phippen Jr. and Harry W. Wright. The special gifts drive is under way this week, with the general membership solicitation planned to begin Sunday. — Gazette Photo.

Miss Bitter Is Speaker

Miss Ruth Bitter will show slides and talk on "Summer in Iceland" at the Christmas party of the Association of Professional Women Writers Thursday.

Members will meet for a share-the-cost supper at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Miss Bitter, 707 Seventh St. Reservations may be made by Tuesday with Mrs. Leo Williams or Mrs. Julius Mickiewicz. Gifts will be exchanged.

Miss Bitter spent two weeks touring Iceland last summer. The nature tour was guided by Arni Waag and the group saw and photographed a puffin, Leach's petrel, kittiwakes, eider ducks and the national bird of Iceland, Gylfalcon.

One of the highlights of the trip was a flight over a

new volcano which had formed three days before the group's arrival and which they saw erupting as they watched from a safe distance, Miss Bitter said.

Businessman, Clergyman's Wife Get UGF Budget Posts

A Lewiston resident and the wife of a Niagara Falls businessman have been appointed to fill two vacancies on 21-member Central Budget Committee of the United Workers Fund, Harold A. Levin, budget chairman, announced today.

Robert Gailey, vice president of Empire Builders Supper Club and Mrs. J. Donald Johnston, will fill the unexpired terms of Gordon C. Robinson and the late Thomas E. Hewitt, respectively, Mr. Levin said. Mr. Robinson recently resigned "due to pressure of community commitments." Both terms end in February 1967.

Mr. Gailey and Mrs. Johnston have been active members of the UGF Citizens Budget Committee panels which review agency budgets each spring.

In addition to his work on the budget panels, Mr. Gailey

has been vice chairman of the UGF Construction Division for the past three years, and was construction chairman in 1962.

Mrs. Johnston is a substitute teacher in Niagara Falls secondary schools and is a member of the Niagara Falls College Club and the Unitarian Women's Alliance.

Beetle Commended By Women Voters

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of Niagara Falls wishes to commend the Niagara Falls Gazette for printing the excellent article on "Adoptions Control Not A Popular Issue" by Albany special correspondent David H. Beetle.

Mr. Beetle pointed out the unpopularity of the league position in certain judicial circles, but agreed that many citizens feel adoptions are a family matter and belong exclusively in the Family Court.

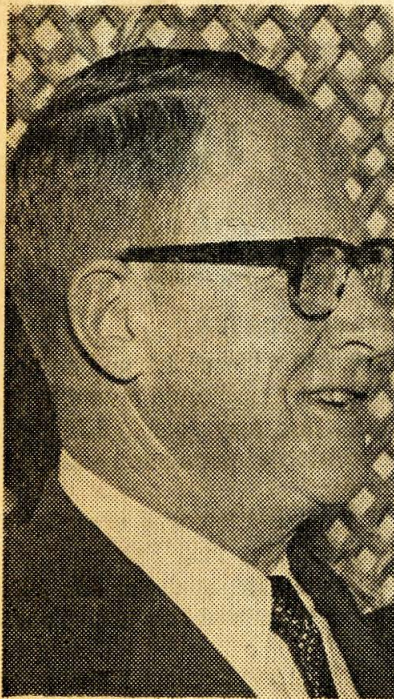
A bill currently in the Legislature to give permanent concurrent jurisdiction of adoptions to the Surrogates and the Family Court would in no way carry out the intent of the judicial amendment to the constitution approved so overwhelmingly by the voters of this state.

Charlotte Fraser
President, League of Women
Voters, Niagara Falls.

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Wednesday, April 13, 1966 Niaga



TEST-TUBE WORLD—Ruth Bitter, bacteriologist in the Niagara County Health Department laboratory at City Hall, measures liquid for an experiment. Tests for milk, water pollution, tuberculosis, venereal disease

and communicable diseases are run in the Niagara Falls facilities, the only public health laboratory in the county. Dr. Fred Stone is part-time director.

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MRS. FREDERIC D. POWELL

Staff Elected By Mental Health Group

Mrs. Frederic D. Powell, 9351 Rivershore Dr., has been elected president of the Mental Health Association in Niagara County. She succeeds William E. Bliss.

Also elected at Wednesday night's annual meeting at the Treadway Inn were Rev. J. Donald Johnston, 1221 Garfield Ave., first vice president; Rev. Harold Fabo, Wilson second vice president; Mrs. Norman Sinclair, Lockport, secretary, and Mrs. A. Kent Smith, Lewiston, treasurer.

Elected to three-year board of director terms were Morton Abramowitz, Raymond Beiter, Earl W. Brydges Jr., Dr. Benjamin Bullock, Mrs. John Chesebrough, Mrs. E. Richard Clark, Rev. Charles Hobbs, the Rev. Mr. Johnston, Mrs. Powell and Mrs. Smith.

Lewis Kalush, comptroller of Harrison Radiator Division of General Motors Corp., Lockport, was elected to a one-year term.

A panel discussion of how the Beeman Child Guidance Clinic, 650 Fourth St., handles a typical case of a 7-year old bed-wetter was outlined by Jac Giacomelli, clinic administrator, and chief psychiatric social worker; Dr. Joyce Millette, Providence, R.I., child psychiatrist; Morton Brooks, psychologist, and Robert Corcoran, psychiatric social worker.

The Niagara County group is a voluntary citizens organization working to further education in mental health and for the improved care of the mentally ill within the county.



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NIAGARA BEAUTIFICATION—Mrs. Robert A. Cox Jr., chairman of the current property improvement contest by Keep Niagara Beautiful, Inc., reviews plans in use to refurbish the 78-year-old River-

side Inn, Lewiston. It was the first entry in the commercial division of the contest. With Mrs. Cox is Harry W. Wright, co-owner with Paul Schmoyer. Plans include landscaping this year.

Former Falls Resident Dies at 47

Frederick Leighton Jr., a native and former resident of this city, died Friday (April 15, 1966) in Jeffersonville, Ind. He was 47 years old.

Mr. Leighton was born here in 1918. He was a graduate of Niagara Falls High School, received a bachelor of science degree from University of Rochester, a master's degree from Middlebury College, Conn., and his Ph. D. from Stanford University, Calif. He was employed as chemist by Hooker Chemical Corp. here and was transferred to Jeffersonville, Ind. division in 1963.

His parents were the late Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Leighton.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Frederick (Mary) Leighton; two sons, Stephen Leshner Leighton, and Charles Frederick Leighton, both of Cleveland, Ohio; one brother, Arthur Leighton, Ransomville; two sisters, Mrs. Robert (Eleanor) Mitchell, Alden, and Mrs. Norman (Mary) Strout, Pendleton, N.Y.

Services were held today in Jeffersonville.

Tall Structures Hide Falls Beauty

I WAS SORRY to see Planning Board approval of another high building so close to the area around the Falls and gorge. The more this is done, the less valuable, it seems to me, will be the land in general around the Falls.

If the amount of cleared land around the Falls and gorge could be extended and brought back a distance, with advantage taken of its esthetic value, the other land in the city would be of greater value. If we fill up the land this close to the Falls and gorge with high buildings surrounded by parking we shall lose again the value of being a city close to the internationally known Niagara Falls that could become known as a place of rare beauty and attractiveness.

J. Donald Johnston,
1221 Garfield Ave.

Clerk to Discuss Work of Alinsky

"Alinsky, Fight and the Unitarians," will be the topic of the sermon to be delivered Sunday at the First Unitarian Church by Rev. David Sammons of the Unitarian Church of Rochester.

The Rev. Mr. Sammons will discuss the controversial work of Saul Alinsky, director of the Industrial Areas Foundation in the field of civil rights.

We hear that Donald Auman is a patient at Mt. View Hospital, Shaw Building, Room #114, Lockport, N.Y. Send him a card to cheer him up.

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FUTURE SCIENTIST — Richard Nelridge, 12, North Tonawanda, studies a book and models of dino-

saurs he has collected since he was a tot. He hopes to be a paleontologist.—Gazette Photo.

Stumped by Brachiosaurus? Dinosaur Buff, 12, Can Help

NORTH TONAWANDA—Adults might have trouble spelling words like brachiosaurus or struthiomimus, but for 12-year-old Richard Nelridge, 1339 Abington Place, these and many other dinosaur words are familiar.

Richard has been intrigued by the study of dinosaurs since he was 2½ years of age, when his parents took him to the American Museum of Natural History in New York City.

This year he made the decision to become a paleontologist when he becomes an adult.

THE MAMMOTH, cool halls

of paleozoology at the New York City museum fascinated Richard so much that he decided to start making a collection of dinosaur models.

"I liked the big bones of the dinosaur skeletons. I also liked the mammals from the Ice Age, the mammoths and saber-toothed tigers," he recalls.

Since then, his father, Edwin W. Nelridge, a chemical engineer, and his mother have encouraged him by giving him models and books. The steadfast interest, though, has been his own.

Richard's teachers at Ohio Elementary School and his Sunday School teachers at the First Unitarian Church in Niagara Falls agree that such a sustained interest is remarkable.

"His name has been synonymous with dinosaurs. I think his interest is truly amaz-

ing," Miss Ruth Bitter, a City of Niagara Falls biologist and former Sunday school teacher to Richard, said.

LAST YEAR, Richard prepared a 23-page paper, complete with table of contents and bibliography, to submit to his teacher, Gary Vergils, as a class project.

The paper listed 11 different dinosaurs and classified them from the Jurassic Period. He gave a description of each, the derivation of their names, and explained their habits and habitats.

He has a shelf of several books on dinosaurs and a collection of 56 models including 47 different types. He also collects parts of fossilized wales and petrified wood.

Richard found a bonanza of models at the New York World's Fair, where an oil company installed exhibits and offered replicas of the dinosaurs.

He has used his books and models to give talks to other

9 Churches 1 Back Housing

Three additional Protestant churches have agreed to co-sponsor a nonprofit corporation to study housing needs in the city.

This brings to nine the number of Protestant and Catholic churches that have agreed to support the study.

The new churches include St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church, the First Unitarian Church and St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

The other churches supporting the project are First Presbyterian, Our Lady of the Rosary, Prince of Peace, St. Mary's of the Cataract, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. James Methodist.

2 Named to Board

The board of trustees of the First Unitarian Church, besides offering to co-sponsor the interfaith housing plan, also appointed two persons to serve on the board of directors of the non-profit corporation.

They are Mrs. Robert A. Cox Jr., 4831 Lewiston Road, and Frederick D. Powell, 9351 Rivershore Drive. They are the first two persons from the co-sponsoring churches to have been designated to serve on the board.

Treasurer Appointed

In other developments, Stanley Herowski, 2320 Niagara St., was appointed temporary treasurer of the steering committee of the interfaith group.

The steering committee staff includes Fred W. Bonaker of Lewiston, chairman, and Mrs. Cox, secretary. It will serve in a temporary capacity until incorporation.

Funds Pledged

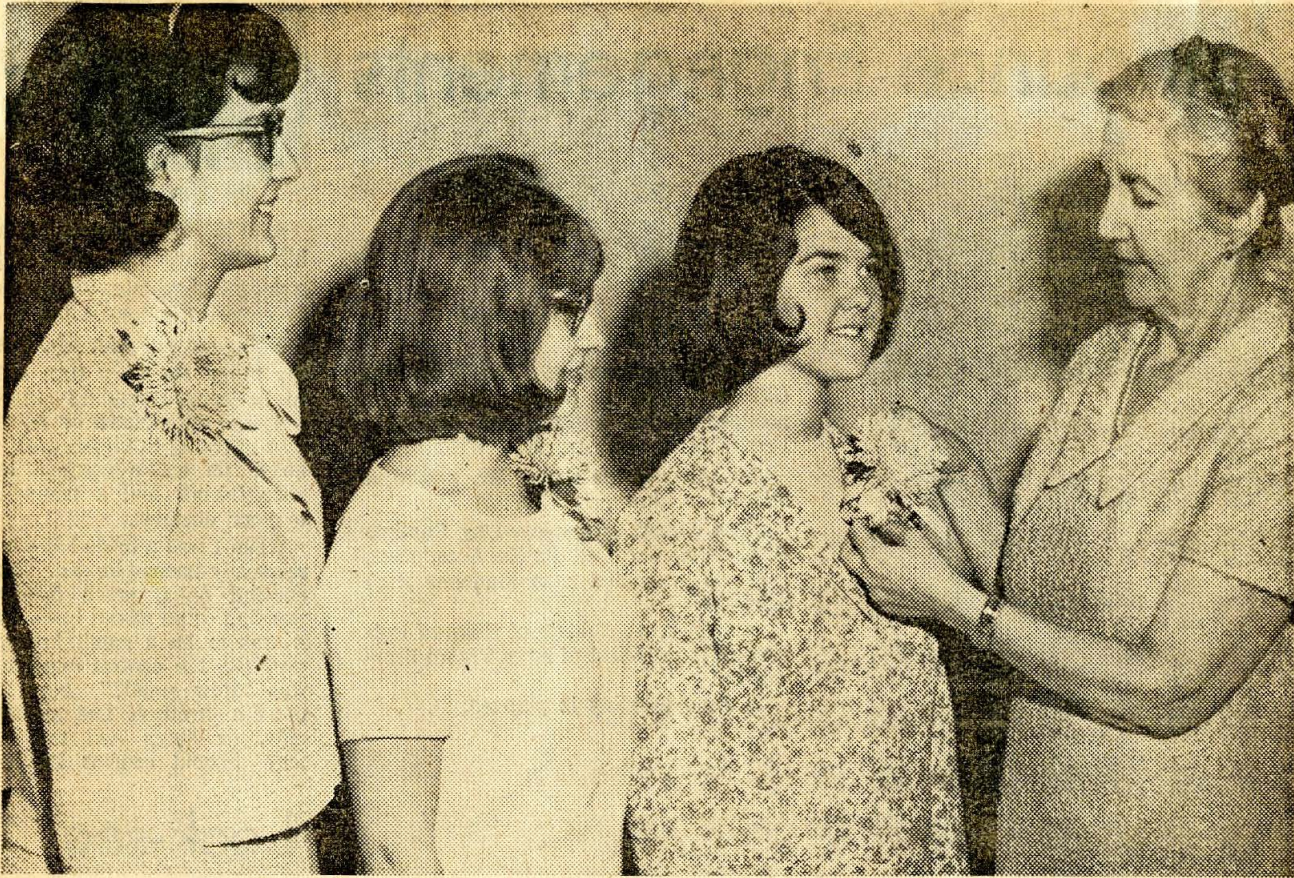
In offering to co-sponsor the plan, the vestry of St. Peter's Episcopal Church also pledged up to \$2,000 of the \$25,000 required to get the program underway. The First Unitarian Church also pledged \$500.

The housing study would be carried on in conjunction with Urban America. The \$25,000 is to insure the group that there is genuine interest in the project.

Rev. John B. Toay, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church and a member of the steering committee, said today that the amount pledged by each church is not the "important thing, but the interest shown by the churches."

In view of next Wednesday's deadline for the steering committee to obtain pledges for the program, Mr. Bonaker said that any churches desiring additional information on the program may contact him.

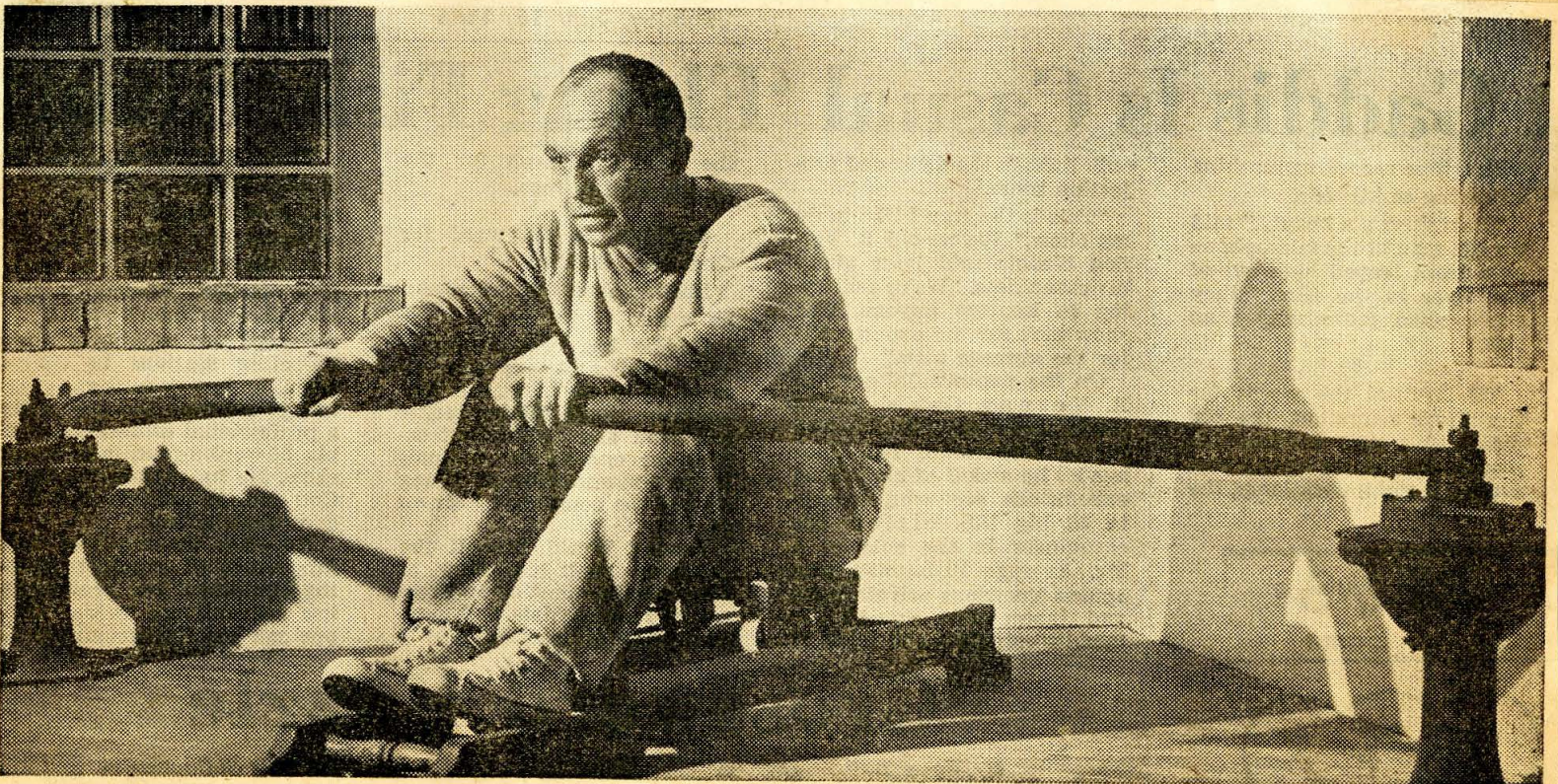
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COLLEGE-BOUND—Mrs. Axel K. Heilborn, right, chairman of the scholarship committee of the College Club of Niagara Falls, presents a corsage to Priscilla D. Rucker, 832 Ridge Road, Lewiston, a senior at Lewiston-Porter Central School. Miss Rucker and Laura J. von Doenhoff, left,

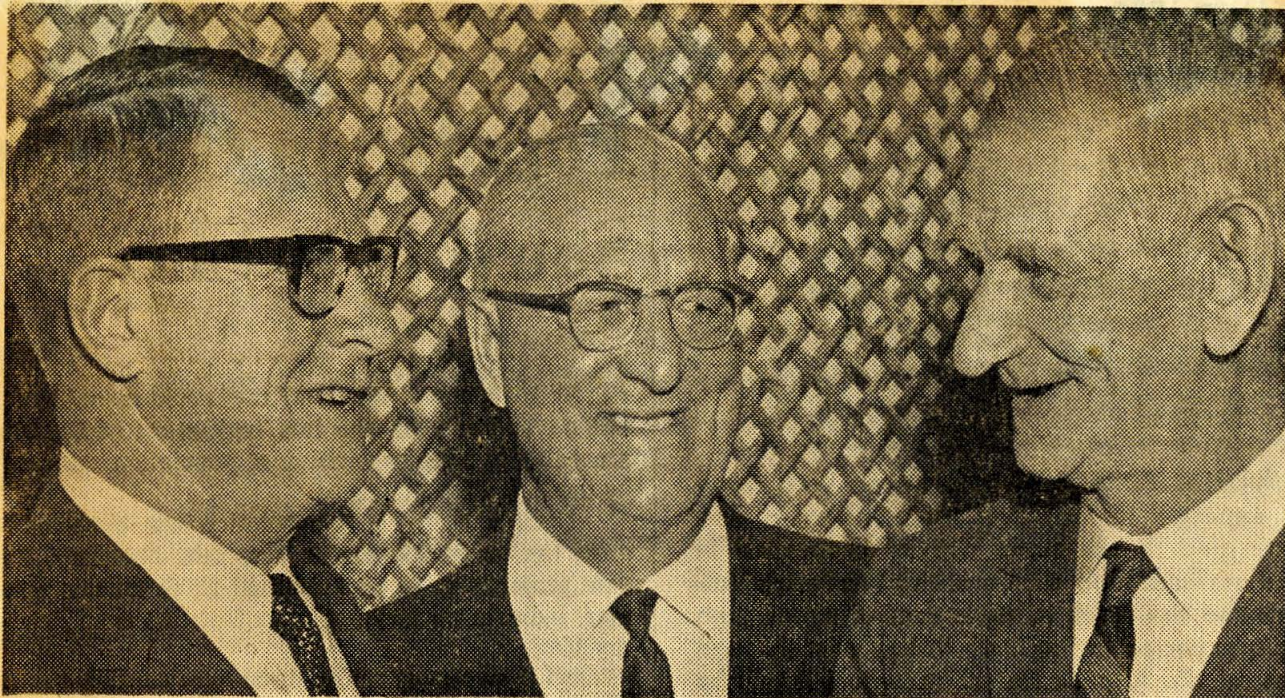
732 Pasadena Ave., a LaSalle High School student; and Anne E. Porreca, 1142 LaSalle Ave., of Niagara Falls High School, were recipients of scholarships totaling \$750 at the annual spring luncheon of the club Saturday at the Niagara Falls Country Club. — Gazette Photo.

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90-10—"Should I do 90 or stop at 10," Richard C. Doherty may have been thinking to himself as he exer-

cised on the rowing machine. Mr. Doherty is president of the Niagara Falls Board of Education.



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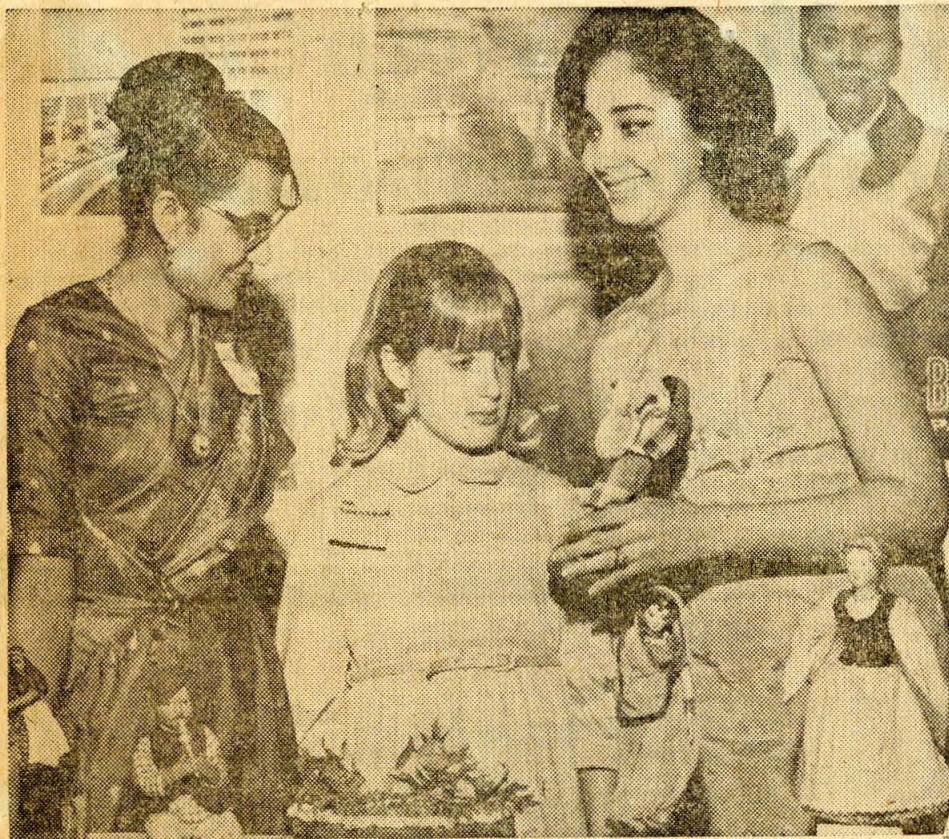
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Departing Priest Will Be Missed

I'M CERTAIN that I voice the feelings of many clergymen of all faiths in Niagara Falls, as well as many other citizens, when I say that we shall miss Father Joseph Carlo who has been transferred from Our Lady of the Rosary Church to a church in Buffalo. His constant, responsible and good-humored participation in religious and civic activities of importance to the community were a great help to all of us and an example not easy to follow.

J. Donald Johnston, minister
First Unitarian Church



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EXOTIC FOODS—Foods from foreign lands highlighted the potluck supper held by members of the World Friendship group at the First Unitarian Church. Mrs. Dinu Patel, left, a native of India, and

Miss Eloisa Serrano, right, from Cuba, show 9-year-old N. Swennson one of the dolls which was displayed at the dinner. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl I. Swennson, 2627 Pine A

Arena Players Plan Festival

The Arena Players, a local drama group, will sponsor a week-long arts festival at the First Unitarian Church beginning Monday, Casper L. Jordan, director of the group, announced the final schedule.

"Arena Festival '66" is the official designation for the week and will open with an art show and "champagne sip" at the Main Street church. Mrs. Carl I. Swensson is in charge of arrangements for the show. Local artists will exhibit their works. "Miss Niagara Falls" will officially open the week at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

Tuesday evening will be devoted to folk music, jazz, and modern dancing. Edward Scutt will be the master of ceremonies and local talent will be featured.

Poetry and drama will dominate the festival on Wednesday evening. "Ask Your Mama" by Langston Hughes, noted American poet, will be presented. The long poem is jazz oriented and is performed in 12 mood-scenes by Shirley LeReverend and Lee E. Sellers.

The second half of the evening will be devoted to a performance of Eugene Ionesco's "The Lesson." Stuart Sim, Shirley LeReverend and Daphne Dawson, all of Niagara Falls, Ont., star in this drama. Miss LeReverend also directs this play.

Music and sounds of other lands will be featured on Thursday evening. The various foreign-born sections of the city will perform music,

dance and poetry of their native lands. "Ask Your Mama" will be repeated.

Friday and Saturday evenings will feature performances of Richardson's two-act drama "Gallows Humor." Mr. Sim will direct this production. Featured players include Miss LeReverend, Miss Dawson, James Derby, and Mr. Scutt.

Except for Monday, all programs begin at 8:30 p.m. There will be no admission charge.

Church Presents 'White America' Drama Sunday

The Arena Players, an international, interfaith and inter-racial dramatic group, will present "In White America" at the Sunday morning service at First Unitarian Church.

Members of the cast are Daphne Dawson, Shirley LeReverend, Stuart Sim, Lee Sellers, Casper Jordan, John Peterson and Rev. J. Donald Johnston.

The hour-long play by Martin B. Duberman is composed of material based on historical documents. It is presented in conjunction with the church's observation of Race Relations Sunday.

Arena Players To Give Reading

A reading of Martin Duberman's production, "In White America," will be presented Sunday at the morning services of First Unitarian Church.

The church will be observing Race Relations Sunday.

The reading will be presented by members of the Arena Players under the direction of Casper L. Jordan. Members of the group participating will be Daphne Dawson, Lee Sellers, Shirley LeReverend and Stuart Sim.

John Peterson will sing and play the guitar and Lucile McElwain will be organist.

Girls Club Week Events Set at Community Center

MRS. GEORGE THOMPSON has been named chairman for the 21st National Girls Club Week celebration at the Niagara Community Center Girls Club, May 8-14.

Mrs. Thompson and her committee announce a series of events to take place during the week, and intended to focus public attention upon the work done throughout the United States and Canada by girls clubs affiliated with Girls Clubs of America.

Girls Club of America Inc., is a national federation of 112 Girls Clubs in 22 states and in Canada. Theme for the year is "Coming of Age—Vistas of New Horizons for Girls."

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GIRLS OF THE NIAGARA Community Center Girls Club have been urged to start the week by attending the church of their choice with their family on Mothers' Day.

A teachers' recognition tea will be held from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Monday. Teachers in Niagara Falls schools are invited to attend.

Wednesday, from 4 to 6 p.m., the 21st anniversary of Girls Club will be marked with a party and candle-lighting ceremony at the International Center and Girls Club.



MRS. GEORGE THOMPSON

Members of the Niagara Community Center Girls Club will be guests of the International Center Girls Club.

The 12th annual mother and daughter dinner has been planned for 6:30 p.m., Saturday to mark the close of Girls Club Week at the Niagara Community Center.

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MRS. THOMPSON is assist-

ed by Mrs. Helen Schoninger, chairman of the Girls Club committee, Mrs. Weanett Bradley, Mrs. Robert C. Gagen, Mrs. Jack A. Gellman, Mrs. Thomas Hamilton Jr., Mrs. Henry J. Kalfas, Mrs. Richard McCray, Mrs. Sam Robinson, Mrs. John Russo, Mrs. W. R. Vaughn, Mrs. Richard Ward, Mrs. Effie B. Williams, Mrs. Theodore Williamson and Mrs. James E. Brown Girls Club director.

The Niagara Community Center and Girls Club is a United Fund Agency.

By MRS. MARLIE FORCE YWCA President

As the Niagara Falls Young Women's Christian Association celebrates its 50th anniversary, faces the task of determining its goals for the half century.

I feel confident that this association, remain-loyal to the dreams of its founders and fully committed to the purpose, can and will achieve ever goals are selected in terms of the present-day needs of the women and girls in the community.

I have faith in the members of the Board the membership at large that with strengthened determination and conviction it will function to meet even more effectively the needs of men and girls of all classes and races.

Influencing the moral standards and the dignity and worth of each individual in a rapidly changing world will continue to be a responsibility for the YWCA.

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MRS. MARLIE FORCE

The Phoenix

Staff Work--Putting The Pieces Together

By ROBERT A. COX JR.
Development Administrator

The Urban Renewal Agency staff has spent the first 11 weeks of its existence in a heavy schedule of meetings, conferences, interviews, and staff brainstorming sessions.

We have met with architects, bankers, local businessmen, potential redevelopers, social agencies, religious groups, highway planners and builders, consultants, state park officials, representatives of private utility companies, and federal and state urban renewal officials—to mention just a few.

The point of all these meetings has been to help us assess the size and shape of the problems we face in the Rainbow Center urban renewal project, and to let us begin to put together the thousands of pieces which go into a successful project of this size.

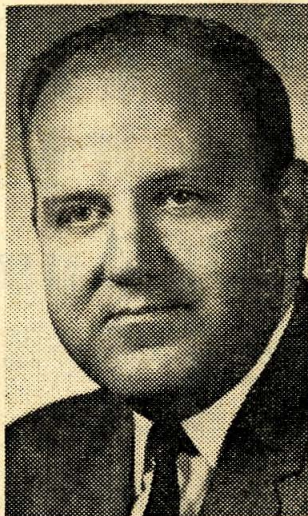
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A secondary reason for these meetings has been to build a spirit of cooperation among the many agencies and organizations which are involved in the project.

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It is important for the people of Niagara Falls to grasp the enormous complexity of an urban renewal project, and particularly one of the size of Rainbow Center. It is also important to realize that the Agency staff, no matter how capable we may be, cannot possibly execute such a project without cooperation and assistance from other organizations, both public and private, throughout the community.

Here is one example. Suitable new housing will have to be found for approximately 800 people whose present homes will be demolished for the Rainbow Center project.



ROBERT A. COX JR.

Although the Agency is required by law to help these people find proper homes, the Agency itself cannot provide additional housing. The housing may be provided by local home builders and realtors, by the Niagara Falls Housing Authority, by private non-profit organizations, and by cooperative organizations. No one of these groups can do the housing job by itself. Their efforts must be well coordinated if they are to be effective. Moreover, civil rights groups, churches, social agencies and others are concerned with the social effects of relocating these 800 people. And the banks and other lending institutions will, one way or another, provide the money to build new homes or rehabilitate old ones.

All of these interests must know what the others are doing or plan to do, and must be aware of the concerns of the others. It is also of fundamental importance that the Agency and its staff be as fully informed in these matters as possible. The Agency—and also the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Commu-

nity Development—is acting as a catalyst in this and other matters, trying to promote frank discussions of problems, a sharing of concern, and a free exchange of information. If this effort fails, then the whole Rainbow Center project—or some future project—may fail for want of adequate housing resources throughout the community.

Busy though these first 11 weeks have been, they have also been rewarding. One of the most rewarding experiences has been the encouragement which officials of the federal Housing and Urban Development Department have given. They share our determination to make Rainbow Center one of the wonders of the urban world. They are willing to underwrite two-thirds of the cost of the additional preparatory work required to assure the project's success.

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REV. EUGENE B. NAVIAS

Unitarians Will Hear Guest Cleric

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THE LIBERAL RELIGIOUS Youth of Niagara Falls would like to make known our objectives to discrepancies in the city government. These objections are aimed at one person, Mayor E. Dent Lackey, who we feel has disrupted many attempts at good city government.

Our first objection is the use of a radio program as a political puppet. The program stars E. Dent Lackey whose true status on the air is not as commentator but as mayor of the city. Several times he has had guests on his program who have supported his stand on various issues. This is masked as an attempt at "informing" the people while in reality it is a subtle form of brainwashing. We feel this is a direct violation of the code set by the Federal Communications Commission and that the program should either be altered or removed from the air.

It has been said that he is confused, but we feel he has no real concept of what he is doing or where he is going. In the past, Edward Loverde was removed from the position of planning director because of incompetency. Now it seems he is being reinstated. This kind of maneuvering is decaying the city government and thwarting any attempts at real achievement.

Most serious of all the faults we see in Mayor Lackey, is his use of terror tactics to maintain power and remove all opposition. A prime example of this can be found in his latest coup involving the removal of almost the entire Urban Renewal staff. None of the people involved were allowed to defend themselves. They weren't even allowed into the meeting.

The city of Niagara Falls is at an important crossroad. One path leads to obsolescence and futility, the other to redevelopment and a bright future. It seems to us that until the mayor is removed from power, this city will be hampered by an authoritarian rule and stagnation will become the word of the day.

Margaret Johnston,
1221 Garfield Ave.

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Letters to the Editor:

Former Supporter of Mayor Decries His Attack on Cox

We invite readers to express their opinions on matters of public interest. All letters are subject to editing and condensation. Signatures must be submitted for publication.

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TWENTY-TWO YEARS ago I arrived in Niagara Falls and as the train was approaching the station I was all excited, for my husband and I were going to make our home in the honeymoon center of the world and also one of the seven wonders. I dare say that when the train pulled into that broken-down filthy station with the sign of the city broken, I had one of the biggest disappointments in my life.

When Mayor Lackey was running for office, I felt that he was just the man who could and would do a lot for this community. I felt he was the one who would finally put a little color and life back into the Falls if ever it was there. People would see that this wasn't just a sucker town for tourists, but a town that could thrive and be beautiful.

I might mention that any time we have out-of-town company, we always take them over to Canada in order to insure them of a worthwhile trip.

Yes, I really believed in him. I voted for him and even did some of my own campaigning to get my friends to visualize what a wonderful mayor he would make. Now, 22 years after my initial disappointment, I am more disillusioned than ever.

I am shocked at the way the mayor is treating Mr. Cox. His work is being held up because he is blocked at every turn. The mayor does not seem to be able to tolerate criticism, but he sure dishes it out. I think it is about time he got off his "white charger," for he isn't really a knight in shiny armor. He had the makings of a mayor like Mayor LaGuardia of New York City, whom just about everyone loved. Somewhere, somehow, something has gone wrong.

When Robert Moses came here he had a hard time, but look at the great results. I am confident that by working as a team, the mayor and Mr. Cox could help Niagara Falls live up to its title of the Seventh Wonder of the World. However, if Mayor Lackey insists on having his way, I truly hope Mr. Cox fights him every inch of the way until he yells uncle.

It would be interesting if other citizens would write and express their feelings toward this situation.

Evelyn G. Kidla,
1431 Wyoming Ave.

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Grossly Unfair to Make Cox Scapegoat in Urban Renewal

EDITORS NOTE—The author of the following column was City Hall reporter for the Niagara Falls Gazette before becoming director of community relations for the Urban Renewal Agency, a position from which he was dismissed Monday.

By **BILL BRANCHE**

THE DISMISSAL of Robert A. Cox as development administrator of the Niagara



Falls Urban Renewal Agency Monday may tend to confirm in the public mind the assertions made in several quarters that he is a mere "super-salesman" capable of nothing but

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glib promises.

While my own views on the subject are doubtless suspect because I have been a member of the "Cox team," I cannot let these assertions go unchallenged.

The most common complaint about Mr. Cox apparently is that he talked too much and did too little. I admit that he talked a good deal more than seemed necessary for the accomplishment of his mission, which was the elimination of blight in Niagara Falls and the creation of new urban values to replace it.

Mr. Cox, however, thought the talk was necessary. He believed it was important for the people to know what the Agency planned to do with their city, and he wanted to stimulate reaction from the public.

WHEN IT CAME TIME to hold a public hearing on the urban renewal plan for Falls Street, Mr. Cox wanted the people to be able to discuss the proposals intelligently. To that end, he talked almost incessantly—but always to the point.

If his talk sometimes seemed complex and confusing, it was because he, better than anyone else in Niagara Falls, understood the complexity and confusion which beset projects of the magnitude of Rainbow Center, and he wanted the Agency members in particular to grasp the bewildering maze of alternatives which confronted them.

With all the talk—some call it glib, I believe it was fluent and informed—Mr. Cox was undoubtedly a salesman. But what he sold was community development, not himself. He did not seek the position of development administrator for the Agency.

IT WAS MAYOR E. Dent Lackey who approached Mr. Cox last fall to ask him if he would take on the urban renewal job. I have personal knowledge of the extreme reluctance Mr. Cox felt. He had been in government service at both the federal and state levels and he knew too well the bitter frustrations and disappointments of public service.

I was one of those who, feeling he was the best possible man for the job, helped persuade him to accept the



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offer tendered first by the mayor and later by the entire Agency, and I believe that in spite of what has since happened I was right to do so.

If there were skeptical Council members to be "sold" on Mr. Cox's ability to do the job, it was Mayor Lackey, not Mr. Cox who did the selling. Once he had accepted the position, of course, he actively courted the support of agency members, as any wise and prudent administrator would do.

IN THE LAST EIGHT months, Mr. Cox has been at the center of a number of controversies. Probably the loudest and longest of these was the affair of the Spallino motel at First and Main Streets.

I think it is important that the record show once and for all that Mr. Cox never tried to prevent the construction of the motel. Initially, Mr. Cox asked that permission for its construction be delayed until all the agencies involved could study its effect on adjacent highway and urban renewal projects and recommend such modifications to Mr. Spallino's plans as they felt necessary.

After this request was summarily rejected, it was the agency itself—and not at Mr. Cox's instigation—which on two occasions formally complained of the manner in which the entire affair had been handled and asked the City Council to order work stopped at the site until prescribed procedures had been complied with.

I CANNOT REFUTE in detail some of the other legends which are gaining currency in regard to Mr. Cox's conduct in such matters as reorganization of the planning department, the need for new or updated land use and marketability studies for Rainbow Center, proposals for the South End highway and street system, and the handling of a federal check for \$109,000 in urban renewal funds.

I can only say that the positions which Mr. Cox adopted in these matters seemed to me to be intelligent and in accordance with sound procedure. Time, I feel certain, will vindicate his judgment.

IT IS UNFORTUNATELY true that there has been too

little progress on our downtown urban renewal program this year. But I cannot let pass the inference inherent in the dismissal of Mr. Cox that he has been solely responsible.

He is no more bungle-proof than other men, and at the very least he has been guilty of more candor than is customary at City Hall. But it would be grossly unfair if he were to be made the scapegoat for the failure to move the urban renewal program ahead.

He has made firm recommendations on both the land use and marketability study and the LaSalle Expressway right of way through the project area. These are the two points on which the project has bogged down and decisions on these two points are decisions which only the Agency can make.

In conclusion, I would like to repeat the view of Mr. Cox I expressed in a speech on July 13:

"He is a brilliant and able man, a man of vision and foresight, but a practical and a humble man... If anyone can make a success of Rainbow Center and the other renewal projects which lie ahead in Niagara Falls, it is he... I do not know anyone else (in Niagara Falls) even remotely qualified to run the urban renewal program."

W. A. Myers, Former Bell Worker, Dies

William A. Myers, 64, of 1003 Washington Ave., Eustis, Fla., a former Niagara Falls resident, died Friday (Dec. 9, 1966) in a Eustis hospital after an apparent heart attack.

A native of Middlesex, N.Y., Mr. Myers came to Niagara Falls in 1952 to work at Bell Aero systems, and was later employed by the Nioga Library system. He retired early this year and moved to Eustis two months ago.

Survivors include his wife, Maude E. Myers; a son, William Myers Jr. of Middlesex; two daughters, Mrs. Morris Gage of Canandaigua, N.Y.; and Mrs. William Landon of Rochester; a stepson, James Owens of Wilmington, Del.; a sister, Mrs. Howard Phillips of Canandaigua; 12 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Private funeral services will be held Monday at the Ness Funeral Home in Rushville, N.Y. Burial will be in Rushville Cemetery.



MYERS



MISS TONI E. NERO

Hartmans-Nero

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony C. Nero, 473 18th St., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Toni E. Nero, to Peter Hagen Hartmans, son of Mrs. Louise H. Hartmans, 401 Guard St., Lewiston.

Miss Nero is a graduate of Niagara Falls High School and is presently attending the State University of New York at Brockport where she is a senior majoring in elementary education.

Mr. Hartmans is a graduate of Niagara Falls High School and Erie County Technical Institute. He is a student at the State University of New York at Buffalo where he is a junior majoring in sociology.

A fall, 1967, wedding is planned.

Student-Mother Resumes Study At College with Family Aid

By CAROL PROZELLER
Gazette Staff Writer

MRS. GEORGE (ORMA) Vosseller, 1032 98th St., decided to go back to college as soon as her three children were old enough to manage on their own. Today, Mrs. Vosseller is a senior on the "honors" program at the State University of New York at Buffalo, and freely admits, "I couldn't have done it without the full co-operation of my family."

A college education has been the dream of Mrs. Vosseller since before she was married. But the economic depression interfered, and she had to wait until her husband finished his last two years at Lehigh University and her family was sufficiently grown before a college education became a reality.

Now the mother of two girls aged 13 and 10 and a boy, 12, is a sociology major on the dean's list at the university.

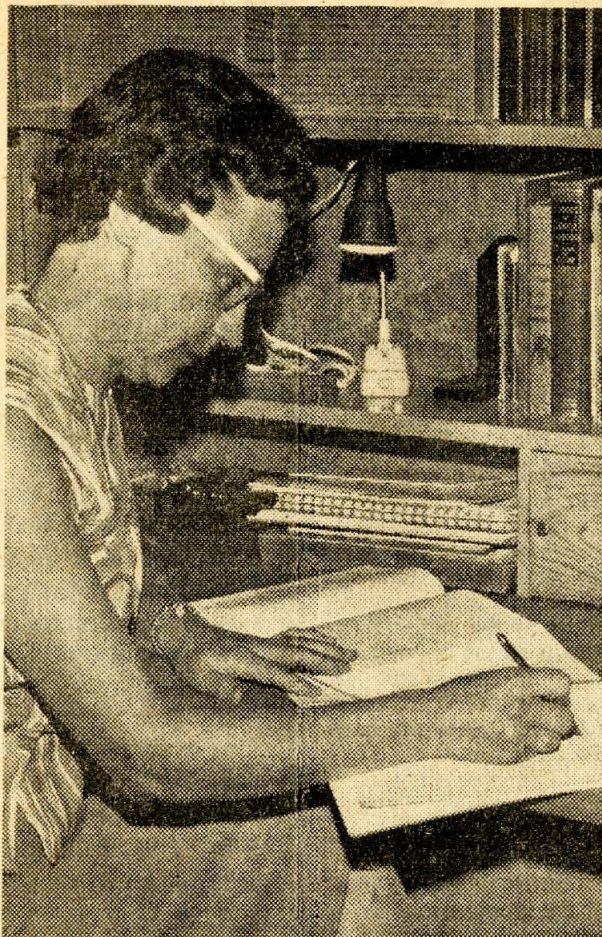
"A good deal of credit goes to my mother, who instilled in me a love of learning for its own sake. Unfortunately, she didn't live to see it," she said.

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HOW DOES Mrs. Vosseller manage to go to school full time and care for her home at the same time? Actually, according to Mrs. Vosseller everything has worked out quite well.

"I haven't given the children any definite jobs to do," Mrs. Vosseller said. She said she has found out "it works better" if each one does household chores he or she prefers, rather than being assigned jobs they don't like. For instance, Malinda, the 13-year-old, fixed lunch every day while her mother was in school. In addition, Gretchen, 10, likes to iron.

Mr. Vosseller has also contributed to his wife's education, not only by his encouragement, but with some practical tutoring in math for one of Mrs. Vosseller's courses. He is a chemical engineer.



BACK TO SCHOOL—Mrs. George Vosseller decided to go to college before her children did. The mother of three, she is an honor student at the State University at Buffalo.—Gazette Photo.

Fortunately, Mrs. Vosseller has been able to arrange her schedule over the years so that she doesn't go to school in the morning until after the children are off, and she is usually home in the afternoon before they get home from school. If she is late, Malinda often cooks dinner.

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"IT'S NOT difficult to study," according to Mrs. Vosseller, "although I was leary about it when I started my first year." She does most of her studying in a quiet room, and finds that she can take time out from her studies whenever the children need her. "The only time I

ask for silence," she added, "is during exam week."

"I haven't found any change in the family life," she added, "the only time I'm not available is during exams."

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THE WHOLE idea of a college education is something very special to Mrs. Vosseller. "When you go back to school," she said, "you go back with the idea of learning something."

"There are advantages and disadvantages of going back to school when you are older," according to Mrs. Vosseller.

One advantage she men-

tioned was the fact that the student's time is freer; he or she is not involved in the social whirl of the younger students.

A possible disadvantage would be the necessity of having a car. "Even riding with someone else is impossible," Mrs. Vosseller said, "because of the time schedule." She has scheduled her classes so no time is wasted during the day.

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"I TAKE ONE year at a time," Mrs. Vosseller said. "I must consider such things as the family's health," she said, "but barring catastrophe, I intend to go on for my master's degree."

What about the financial burden on the family income? "Finances are definitely a consideration," she said, "it helps that the University of Buffalo has been a state school, although it still offers a good education."

"I wondered how the students and professors would react toward me," Mrs. Vosseller said. "I found it is not too strange to have an older woman in a class as there are enough older women on campus," she added.

Although Mrs. Vosseller loves going to school and is a truly devoted student, she does not feel that going back to school is the right thing for everyone. "Going back depends on the person, many would not be happy. The woman who is happy in her home deserves much credit," Mrs. Vosseller said.

No matter how much her college education means to her, Mrs. Vosseller emphasizes the fact that "my husband and children are still the most important consideration. What I do depends on them."

Meet Mrs. Frederic D. Powell

She Deplores Non-Involvement

By MARTHE LANE STUMPO
Gazette Staff Writer

THE OLD RAILROAD station was dark and depressing on that cold January day.

As Hannah Andersen sat on one of the wooden benches in the drafty waiting room, waiting for someone to drive her away, she vowed that she would stay in Niagara Falls no longer than one year.

That, she felt, was the least she could do for the company which had brought her here after training her for one full year. She was to be quality control supervisor for the Kimberly-Clark Corp.

LITTLE DID she guess what Niagara Falls had in store for her.

Not more than 10 days after she had arrived, as she attended her first Unitarian Church function, a dinner, she was directed to the table for young, unmarried members. Later the group adjourned to hear classical records at the apartments of Frederic Powell, a Bell Aerosystems mathematician.

Life in Niagara Falls suddenly took on a rosy due for Hannah. She is still "in the pink" today, 16 years later.

A scant 10 months after that fateful dinner, Hannah and Fred were wed in the church where they had met.

In the modern, two-story house on the banks of the Niagara River, Hannah now divides her time between their two adopted children, four-year-old Douglas and three-year-old Wendy, and community service.

"I have a good life," she says, "and I feel it is my responsibility to contribute something to society."

Because of her strong feelings on this subject, she is "greatly disturbed" by contemporary drama which, she feels, reflects what she considers a bad trend in today's culture: non-involvement.

SINCE HER MARRIAGE, Mrs. Powell has found herself immersed in community activities.

Her training and discipline take their roots back to Albert Lea, Minn., where she and her two sisters were born and lived with their parents. The community was mostly of Scandinavian origin, as were the Andersens. Hannah Andersen was a young girl when her father, stricken with a serious illness, became an invalid. And she knew she would have to work for, and earn, her own education.

To sustain her through the first three years of studies at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, she worked at various jobs including the university laboratories. She majored in chemistry, minored in psychology. When her roommate married Hannah gave up her half of the apartment.



MRS. FREDERIC POWELL

She found room and board with the family of a Minneapolis rabbi of the conservative Jewish faith where she took care of the housework, cooking and shopping for the family.

"I was quite convenient, as I could do things for the family that their religion forbade them to do for themselves such as turning on the fires on the day of the Sabbath."

Today, it is not unusual for guests at the couple's home to be served blintzes, which she learned to make then.

"I WAS ACCEPTED in medical school," she says, "but I soon realized that I did not have enough strength to work and support myself at the same time."

A full-time summer job in a Minneapolis flour mill and prospects of a promising career interrupted her college education. For more than three years she traveled in the Midwest to flour mills of the International Milling Co. to assist in solving problems whenever they occurred or company standards for flour were not met.

Running control chemical tests on the flour, working with machinery and men at the various plants was a man's job. "They had never had a woman do this," she admits, "but I liked it, and I was free to travel."

THE LACK OF A DEGREE was on her conscience, apparently, and after four years; she gave up the job and returned to the university where she obtained her B.A.

Hunting for a new job led to a position with the Kimberly-Clark Co. in Neenah, Wis. On-the-job visor required that she live in training as quality control supervisor. Memphis, Tenn., for one year, where she did every job in the company's plant there . . . shift-work, working with machines, packing.

THOUGH MRS. POWELL kept her job for the next two years, she also managed to take many trips with her husband, whose job required traveling.

As the couple wanted a family, Hannah knew that her days at the plant were numbered, and she began searching for social service work she could do on a volunteer basis.

The League of Women Voters of Niagara had just become organized, and she joined it within its first year. Now a full-time homemaker, she served many times as vice president and twice as its president.

Work with the league led to leading discussions of political candidates at public meetings and on the radio.

She was also discussion leader at community meetings sponsored by the Ford Foundation under a three-year adult education enrichment program. As a member of the social action committee of the First Unitarian Church, of which she was a trustee, she participated in several community projects. As a member of the Board of Directors of the Planned Parenthood Association, she helped on fund drives and worked as a center volunteer. Activi-

ties also included work with the adoptions committee of the Council of Social Agencies.

It has not been all work and no play for the tall brunette.

Involvement in community activities was broken up by numerous trips with her husband to all parts of this country and, several times, to Europe.

She accompanied him when he presented the theory of the Bell Aerosystems Co. automatic landing system to an international meeting of scientists in Monte Carlo.

Mr. Powell is one of the three originators and developers of the Bell system, which is used by the Navy on its carriers and has the patent for the system.

The couple lived in France for several months after that, when the French government expressed an interest in the system.

Mr. Powell is now a research scientist with Bell, working on the theory of learning machines.

WHEN SHE IS NOT playing store with her two pre-school children, or teaching them songs, or taking them on walks and picnics, Mrs. Powell turns to the activities of the Niagara County Mental Health Association, of which she is president. The two-year-old organization, she says, offers speakers to groups and seeks to increase the number and capacity for treating the disturbed and emotionally ill in Niagara County.

"I had wanted to be a doctor or social worker," she says, "because this is where exists the greatest need."

"I feel that I can help in that way now."

Among her plans now for the association are a pastoral seminar, when psychiatrists and psychologists will meet with ministers to help and train them in being more skilful in dealing with those who display signs of emotional illness.

The same type of seminar is planned with school personnel in the near future.

The work of the Mental Health Association keeps Mrs. Powell close to home. And that's as she wants it while her children are small.

Gourmet cooking, a frequent pastime years ago, is rare today in the Powell's modern home in Rivershore Drive, furnished in Danish modern. "You don't have much time for that with children," she said.

Hannah Powell says she plans to continue working with organizations whose memberships are open to all.

"I don't know where it started . . . but I feel very strongly that everyone should have an equal opportunity . . . that is part of the reason for founding our country . . . I just couldn't belong to an organization that did not subscribe to this thinking."

Fired URA Officials Are Given New Jobs

Two of the three top staff members dismissed by the Urban Renewal Agency in September have been named to new positions.

Robert A. Cox, former agency development administrator, has been appointed director of the Mid-Atlantic region of the Federal Economic Development Administration (EDA). His salary will be \$17,550 a year.

Bill Branche, the agency's former community information director, has accepted a job as a script writer with Holland-Wegman Products Inc., 207 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, beginning Nov. 21. The firm produces industrial and other trade films.

Mr. Cox's appointment becomes official today, according to an announcement by Ross D. Davis, assistant secretary of Commerce for Economic Development. Mr. Cox's office will be in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

His territory will include Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. With a national budget of \$300 million, EDA is charged with the responsibility of reviving lagging areas by providing loans, grants and technical assistance.

Cox Is Pleased

"Professionally I'm very pleased to have received this position," Mr. Cox told the Niagara Falls Gazette. It is an excellent opportunity to continue my work in the field of urban and regional development."

Mr. Cox said he has a staff of about 45 persons to carry out the duties of the EDA in the Mid-Atlantic region. He said 30 are on the payroll presently.

For the next five weeks Mr. Cox said he would be working with officials of EDA in Washington, D.C. and Wilkes-Barre in establishing an office in the latter city. He said he was sworn into his post early last week.

Mr. Cox said he would move his family to Wilkes-Barre when he locates suitable living accommodations.

Mr. Cox and Mr. Branche, along with agency deputy development administrator Morton H. Abramowitz, were ousted from their posts Sept. 12 by a 5-4 vote of the agency, capping months of dispute over the city's urban renewal program.

The firings released three of the highest paid men at City Hall. Mr. Cox received \$19,500 annually, Mr. Abramowitz made \$17,500 a year. Mr. Branche received a \$12,500 annual salary.

Fought With Lackey

Mr. Cox engaged in several conflicts with Mayor E. Dent Lackey before the mayor declared open war, telling Mr. Cox he would attempt to get him fired.

Mayor Lackey, at the time of the ouster, said the prime reason for the move was "the Spallino incident."

"That in itself was sufficient



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reason for his (Cox's) discharge," the mayor said.

Mr. Cox made several attempts to stop Anthony Spallino from building a motor inn and restaurant at First and Main streets because he said the building would not conform with the redevelopment planned in the area and that Mr. Spallino refused to work along with the agency in renewal plans.

Mayor Lackey consistently stood behind Mr. Spallino which led to some explosive confrontations between the mayor and Mr. Cox.

Mayor Lackey also cited Mr. Cox's "persistent attack" on the planning department, his "re-think" program and his "extravagant use of funds with maximum costs and minimum results" as other reasons for the ouster.

Construction of Mr. Spallino's motor hotel was halted a month ago when Mr. Spallino said he was having "some difficulties with the bank on interim financing."

Shortly thereafter, officials of Niagara Frontier Services Inc., which operates Tops Supermarkets, confirmed reports they "were looking into the feasibility of continuing construction and operating the motor hotel."

Deal Undecided

This deal is reportedly still in the works.

Mr. Cox became the director of the Urban Renewal Agency in January of this

year after serving as executive director of the Society for the Promotion, Unification and Redevelopment of Niagara (SPUR).

The 34-year-old Mr. Cox has had previous service with the federal government as a civil engineer and planning engineer with the Housing and Home Administration Agency in Philadelphia.

He was with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Community Development at Harrisburg and Philadelphia from 1959 to 1962.

He holds a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Drexel Institute of Technology. He has also studied at Temple University and at the University of Pennsylvania's Fels Institute of Local and State Government.

Mr. Branche was the City Hall reporter for the Niagara Falls Gazette before becoming director of community relations for the agency.

After his ouster, Mr. Abramowitz returned to his private law practice in the firm of Abramowitz, DiFlorio and Rotella, which he left when he assumed the position of deputy agency development administrator and counsel.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 5 - 11 A.M. - TRUSTEES TO PRESENT INTER-FAITH HOUSE OF FAITH HOUSING PROPOSAL FOR NIAGARA FALLS. AT ITS LAST MEETING OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES CONSIDERED IT AND FAVORED PARTICIPATION UP TO THE LIMIT OF THE FINANCIAL COMMITMENT THAT THE BOARD HAS POWER TO VOTE.

Most of you, we presume, have read in the Gazette about the proposed Inter-Faith Housing Proposal for Niagara Falls. At its last meeting our Board of Trustees considered it and favored participation up to the limit of the financial commitment that the Board has power to vote.

However, since a larger commitment might be desired by the congregation and, since the Board of Trustees would like the benefit of knowing the sentiments of the Congregation, Sunday's meeting will be in charge of the Board of Trustees. There will be full opportunity for discussion, question and comment.

Preceding the meeting there will be a brief presentation of Certificates and sixth grade pins to the members of the Church School after which they will go to Unity Hall for a bit of partying during our meeting.

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Willow Ave. Woman Dies

Mrs. Lily S. Fielding, 81, of 2467 Willow Ave., died today (Dec. 20, 1966) in Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

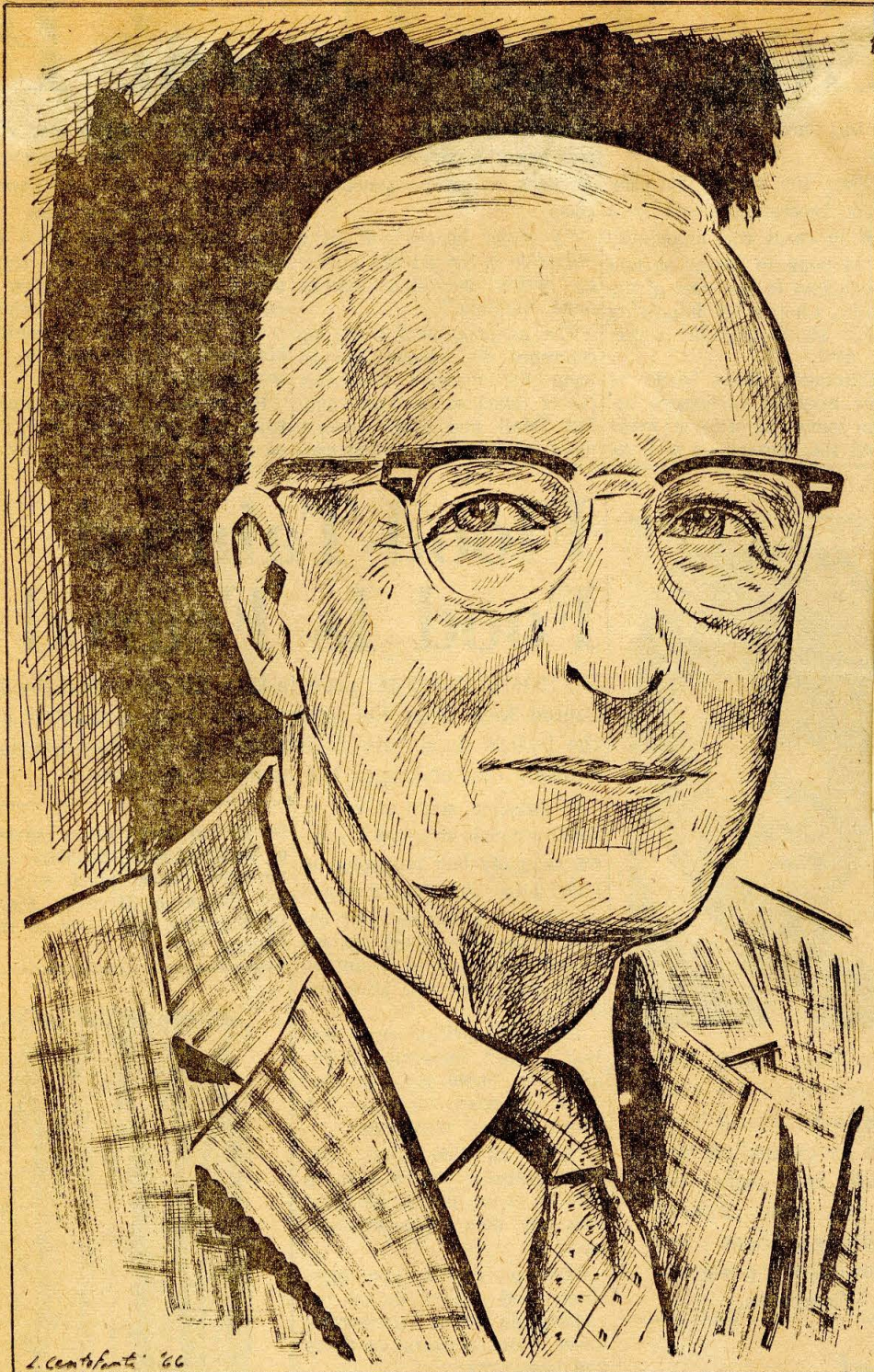
She was born in Hindley, Lancashire, England, and came to Niagara Falls in 1927.

Mrs. Fielding was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Her husband, Herbert P. Fielding, died in 1963.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Marion Dennison of this city; a son, H. Clifford Fielding of Kenmore; two sisters in England, and five grandsons.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Cornell & Daggett Funeral Chapel Thursday at 11 a.m. by Rev. Cuthbert MacLean of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Burial will be in Riverdale Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home today from 7 to 9 p.m. and Wednesday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.



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Niagara Personality

Civil Engineer Maintains Active Pace Despite His Age

By MARY HEYDEN
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Letters to the Editor

Niagara Falls Clergy Urge Voter Approval of Charter

We invite readers to express their opinions on matters of public interest. All letters are subject to editing and condensation. Signatures must be submitted for publication.

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WE AS CLERGYMEN of the City of Niagara Falls, are of the firm conviction that our present city charter is outdated and outmoded. The new proposed city charter, we believe, is a finer and stronger instrument for the management of our city for, at least, the following reasons:

1. The new charter provides for a strong city manager-council form of government. The manager is to be a competent professional and the council will consist of seven citizens to be elected at large. The mayor will be elected by the council out of their own membership.

2. The new charter provides for a much more efficient city government through the reduction of a large number of boards and committees, thus streamlining the work of the operation of our city.

3. The new charter very carefully outlines exact qualifications for the directors of each of the departments of our city.

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Therefore, we, as a group of concerned clergymen, commend to the public this new and proposed charter for its favorable consideration and positive action on Election Day, Nov. 8.

Sincerely,
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EDITOR'S NOTE—The letter also contained the signatures of the following Niagara Falls clergymen: Rev. John B. Toay, Very Rev. J. Stanley Ormsby, Rev. David Brown, Rev. Walter Echols, Rev. Robert B. Ketcham, Rev. Bertram M. Croop, Rev. Alan H. Perrine, Rev. Bernard J. Magee, Rev. John R. Wesel, Rev. John D. Piper, Rev. E. H. Gunderson, Rev. Ray K. Hallin, Rev. Joshua E. Nelson, Rev. J. Donald Johnston, Rev. Robert E. McNamara, Rev. Clarence C. Van, Rev. John D. Shackelford, Rev. Harry M. Williams Jr., Rev. Edgar L. Huff, Rev. W. R. Vaughn, Rev. Fred W. House, Rev. Theodore L. Menter, Rev. Carlos Simmons, Rev. Arnold W. Schneider, Rev. Pierre Tangent, Rev. Paul R. Swank, Rev. Edward W. Swann, Rev. William C. McGarry.

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His father, Joseph Wills, was employed by the Westinghouse Co. and built the first three units of the Sir Adam Beck Power Plant No. 1.

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"WHEN I WAS 12 I worked at the Adam plant cleaning the machine shop for five cents an hour," Mr. Wills said. "That was when I became interested in engineering. The people there talked me into getting my degree at Ohio State University."

He said he never considered anything but civil engineering.

"To me it's the broadest kind of engineering, taking in metallurgy, geology, design and so forth," Mr. Wills said. "When I was in fourth grade my father was severely burned in an electrical explosion and I decided I didn't want much to do with electrical engineering."

He was graduated from Niagara Falls High School in 1904 and began working for the Ontario Power Co., in Niagara Falls, Ont. during the summer of his junior year at Ohio State.

After graduation he remained with the company until it was sold to the Ontario Hydro Commission. At that time Mr. Wills was hired by the Brass Brothers Construction Co. here. In 1918 he took a position with the Niagara Mohawk Power Corp.

He was employed there until his retirement in 1951. After that he spent three additional years as a consultant for the company.

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"MY FIRST JOB was a combination of engineering and accounting," Mr. Wills said. "In 1937 it took on more of an accounting aspect, and around 1946 I went back to engineering work."

From then until his retirement he served as company representative for Niagara Mohawk on such outside development projects as power stations at Buffalo, Albany, Dunkirk and Oswego.

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He said living alone "is not much fun."

"You have to get used to it," he remarked. "I don't like to cook and I never know what the next meal is going to be."

For Mr. Wills his many friendships established during his lifetime have been a "saving grace."

"People who are alone and retired have to keep up their friendships and they have to work at it. You have to force yourself to keep up interests as well. Nobody will do it for you," he said.

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HE HAS HAD TO give up golf, but was active at it for many years.

"I started around 1925 when we got the Hyde Park golf course going," he recalled. "I belonged to a group called the Generators of the Chamber of Commerce. The City Council said if we could get 1,000 people to pay \$10 a year they'd build the course."

"We got the names, then the architect wanted more land. Paul Schoellkopf donated nine acres of power company land and we got the course. It's been a marvelous thing for the city and naturally I had to play golf too."

Mr. Wills still attends and is a member of the Unitarian Church, 639 Main St.

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"WE ORGANIZED the church here in 1920, starting above Triggs Monument works in Main Street," he said. "Then we built the new church in 1921."

He helped plan the church and supervised construction.

Mr. Wills is a past master of the Masonic Niagara Frontier Lodge 132 and retains active membership in the organization.

He is especially interested in the YWCA. "This is an admirable organization, very worthwhile and I enjoy being associated with it, though I must say women do things differently from men."

"Right now we're trying to get the most for our money on some much needed repairs. We're getting a new roof, renovating the pool and painting the outside of the

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EDITOR'S NOTE—The letter also contained the signatures of the following Niagara Falls clergymen: Rev. John B. Toay, Very Rev. J. Stanley Ormsby, Rev. David Brown, Rev. Walter Echols, Rev. Robert B. Ketcham, Rev. Bertram M. Croop, Rev. Alan H. Perrine, Rev. Bernard J. Magee, Rev. John R. Wesel, Rev. John D. Piper, Rev. E. H. Gunderson, Rev. Ray K. Hallin, Rev. Joshua E. Nelson, Rev. J. Donald Johnston, Rev. Robert E. McNamara, Rev. Clarence C. Van, Rev. John D. Shackelford, Rev. Harry M. Williams Jr., Rev. Edgar L. Huff, Rev. W. R. Vaughn, Rev. Fred W. House, Rev. Theodore L. Menter, Rev. Carlos Simmons, Rev. Arnold W. Schneider, Rev. Pierre Tangent, Rev. Paul R. Swank, Rev. Edward W. Swann, Rev. William C. McGarry.

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Daughter's Scholarship Spurred Interest in AFS

MRS. CHARLES A. BICKING, 773 The Circle, Lewiston, has been elected a trustee member of American Field Service International Scholarships.

She is one of 49 new trustees who represent all areas of the United States and many countries abroad.

The trustees will meet twice a year with the first meeting planned in New York City Jan. 27 and 28.

They will advise and form policy for American Field Service International Scholarships. The trustee group is a new one.

American Field Service International Scholarships is

privately - sponsored, non-profit and non-sectarian. It promotes understanding between peoples of the world through an international scholarship program for youths, 16 to 18 years of age.

The young people are sent to live in carefully chosen homes in other countries for extended periods of time.

Scholarship students from other countries are received here in the same manner, living with families and attending area high schools for one school year.

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THE MOTHER of four children became interested in the program when her eldest daughter, now Mrs. Paul

Nagy, Lexington, Mass., won an A.F.S. scholarship to Germany in 1952. The family was then living in Washington, D.C.

"I have spent a lot of time on this program ever since," Mrs. Bicking admits. "It seemed so worthwhile."

Mrs. Bicking was elected a member of the Board of Governors of A.F.S. for 1963-64. From 1964 to 1966, she was a member of the National Advisory Committee of the organization, and during 1966, she was one of 29 directors of the nation-wide organization.

She continued her interest in the program when the family moved to Lewiston 10 years ago and she became regional representative of A.F.S. for Western New York on a volunteer basis.

Helping stimulate interest in the program, and organizing chapters in areas west of Rochester, she saw the number of foreign students rise from 12, when she first arrived, to 75 this year.

She has not limited her interest to organization of the Western New York program but has also participated as a member of the Lewiston group.

Among the most worthwhile events, she recalls, have been gatherings here of all foreign students in Western New York. The students, who had only met, displayed their talents at practically impromptu variety shows given at area schools. Getting together helped them evaluate and compare experiences in this country.

As an area organizer, Mrs. Bicking is excluded from the list of host families. But she frequently entertains foreign students in the Western New York area for weekends or through school holidays.

Mr. Bicking is manager of the Mathematics Branch of the Carborundum Co.

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AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE was originally composed of ambulance drivers who served with the French armies in World War I. It went on to sponsor a fellowship program with French universities and to serve as a volunteer ambulance service with Allied forces during World War II.

The New York membership corporation was formed in 1946, and since then, its principal work has been the operation of international scholarship programs, with about 4,300 scholarships awarded annually. Since the program began in 1947, more than 25,000 students from 76 countries have come to the United States for a school year, and 13,000 U.S. students have lived in 47 overseas countries. A.F.S. has 38 overseas offices and 2,900 volunteer chapters throughout the United States.



LAURENCE HILL

Nioga Head On Regents Library Unit

Laurerice G. Hill, director of the Nioga Library System, has been appointed to the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries, one of the state's major library planning groups.

Dr. James E. Allen Jr., state commissioner of education, announced the appointment by the regents of the University of the State of New York.

Memorial Hospital after a short illness.

Mrs. Critelli was born in Pentone, Italy, and came to Niagara Falls 19 years ago.

She was a member of the Congress Madonna del Perpetuo Soccorso and the Societa Anime Sante del Purgatorio of St. Joseph's Church.

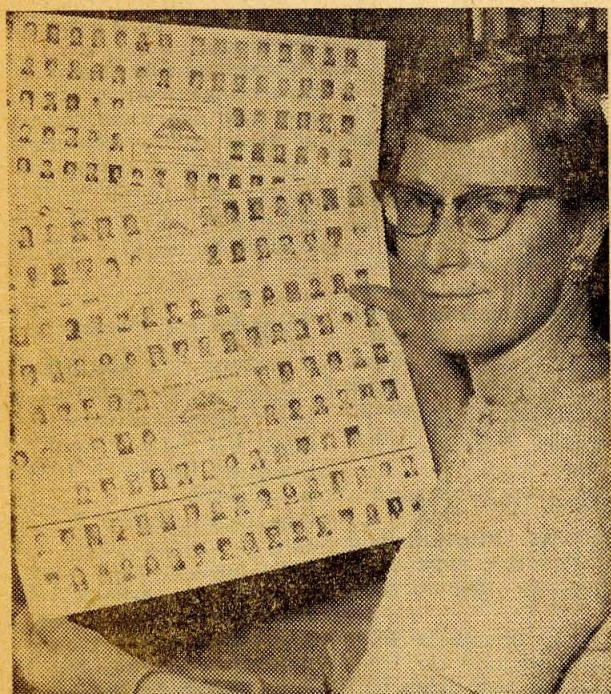
She is survived by her husband, Nicolas, and a daughter, Mrs. Michele (Grace) Tarantino, both of this city; three sisters, Mrs. Vito (Antonietta) Perricelli, Mrs. Rosina Malfa, both of this city, and Mrs. Antonio (Concettina) Critelli of Toronto, Ont., two brothers, Nicolas Marino, this city, and Vincenzo Marino of Pentone, Italy; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 8:45 a.m. at the Spallino Funeral Home and at 9:15 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Friends may call at 4 p.m. today at the funeral home.



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PICTORIAL RECORD — Mrs. Charles A. Bicking holds up poster showing American Field Service scholarship students from other countries in the Western New York Region during 1965-66. The two lower rows of pictures show American students who have gone abroad during the same period.—Gazette Photo.

Four High Schools Have AFS Students

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS enrolled in the American Field Service program must earn at least \$750 if they are to have a student from another country in their school for one year. In addition, a host family must be found.

Four high schools in the Niagara Falls area have been successful in reaching their goals. Funds were raised principally through pizza sales.

At Niagara Falls High School, the A.F.S. student is Miss Liliane Randrianarivony from Madagascar. She lives with the Paul Reid family, 1105 Maple Ave.

Erik Bjornsgaard was brought to La Salle Senior High School from the Union of South Africa. He is staying with the Kenneth Neill family, 8640 Champlain Ave.

Javier Alvarez, from Peru, attends Grand Island Senior School and lives with the family of Dr. Gustave Milkey, Grand Island.

And Miss Karen Strumpf, from Germany, a member of the senior class at Lewiston-Porter Senior High School, and is making her home with the Jack Dunbar family in Mountain View Drive, Lewiston.

Girl Struck by Car

Service Set for Today
For Miss Waterhouse

A memorial service will be conducted this afternoon for Deborah Waterhouse, 14, daughter of the Rev. Howard A. Waterhouse, minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Amherst, and Mrs. Waterhouse of 204 Sherbrooke Dr., Amherst.

Deborah, a pupil at Calasancius Preparatory School, 175 Windsor Ave., Buffalo, was fatally injured late Friday night when struck by a car in Mill St. near Sheridan Dr., Amherst.

Amherst Patrolmen Arthur Hohensee and Warren Schafer said the girl was walking north on the right side of the street when hit by a northbound auto operated by William J. Reznicek, 18, of 132 E. Royal Pky., Amherst.

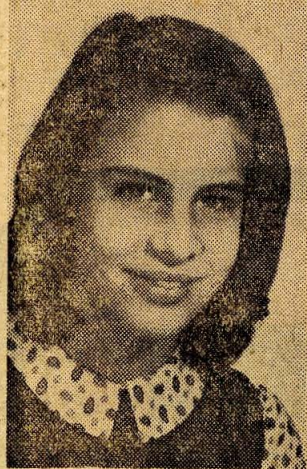
She was pronounced dead on arrival at Meyer Memorial Hospital. Reznicek said he did not see the girl.

A native of Boston, Mass., Deborah lived with her family in Middleboro, Mass., Indian Lake, N.Y., and Allentown, Pa., before coming to the Buffalo area in January, 1965. She was active on the state level in the Liberal Religious Youth, an organization of the Unitarian Universalist Church, and at the local level in its Schweitzer Fellowship.

Memorial Service

Besides her parents, she is survived by two brothers and two sisters. They are David, 12; Carol, 10; Paul, 6, and Ruth, 3. Also surviving are her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Waters of Brooklyn, and her paternal grandmother, Mrs. Emma Letcher of Whittier, Calif.

The Rev. Paul Carnes, minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo, will conduct a memorial service at 4 this afternoon in the Unitarian Universalist Church of Amherst, 6320 Main St., Amherst.



Deborah Waterhouse

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Tuesday, October 25, is United Nations Day. Mrs. Cooley and the Minister were talking this week of something you may not know:

Mr. Frank Frederick, who is still Legal Consultant for the Unitarian Universalist Association, with Laymen's League Members throughout the country, gave the initial post-war push to have a World Peace Day on the anniversary date of the formation of the United Nations.

Also, Rev. Charles Engvall, while minister of this church, was instrumental in getting the third flag placed on Rainbow Bridge and took part in the ceremony of placing it there.

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Rev. John B. Toay, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church and a member of the steering committee, said today that the amount pledged by each church is not the "important thing, but the interest shown by the churches."

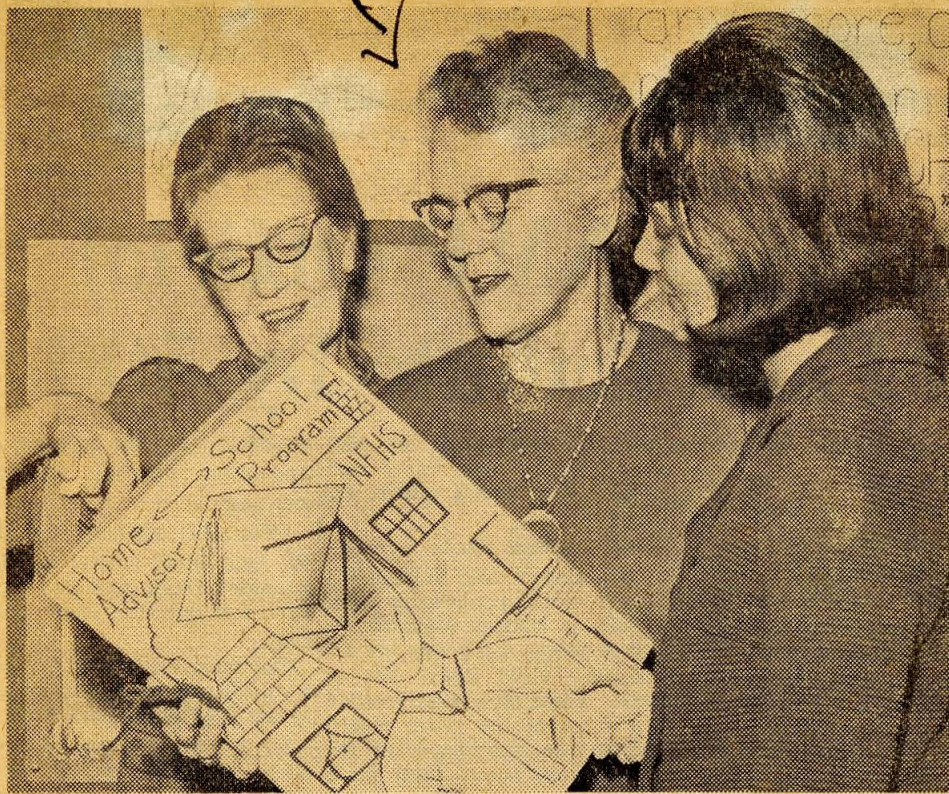
In view of next Wednesday's deadline for the steering committee to obtain pledges for the program, Mr. Bonaker said that any churches desiring additional information on the program may contact him.

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A NEW EXPERIMENT—Three participants in the Niagara Falls school district's home-school counselor program look over some material at the Whitney Avenue Adult Education Center. The women finished a 15-week training session Thursday and now will work with more than 3,000 families in 10 elementary and 14 secondary schools.

The 34 counselors, paid under provisions of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, will work principally in schools with pupils who are culturally deprived. From left are Mrs. Marvin Cohen, Mrs. J. Donald Johnston, and Mrs. Theodore Williamson. — Gazette Photo.

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NORMA DOHERTY

will teach "senior citizens" art classes.

Mrs. Doherty obtained a bachelor of science degree from Niagara University. She says that perhaps she could serve as some encouragement for people just starting out in art work because she has been largely self-taught although she has studied under Eugene Dzychowski, Walter Prochownik, and Robert Blair.

She has exhibited work in the Marine Trust Shows in 1965 and 1966, the Niagara Community College, the Parkway Inn Art Shows, the Cellar Gallery at Progressive Arts, the Design House in Cleveland, and in the Albright Western New York Art Show. She won first prize in water

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BROTHERHOOD BRIEFING — Kenneth W. Rickert, Brotherhood Week chairman and three student editors are shown looking over materials available to student publications. The editors are, from

left, Elizabeth Doherty, Niagara Falls High School; Cindy L. F. berg, Lewiston-Porter Junior High School; and Paul E. Wieloszyns, LaSalle Senior High School. — Gazette photo.

Lew-Port Club Presents Play

By MARCYE KNUDSEN
Lewiston-Porter

CLASSES HAVE RESUMED and Lew-Port is back to its regular activities. The Dramatic Club's annual production will be presented Saturday, Jan. 21 at 8 p.m. The play, "Jenny Kissed Me" by Jean Kerr, is a comedy under the direction of Miss Diane De Marte. The cast is comprised of 14 students including Beth Sherman (Jenny), Bruce Gibson, Becky Pepkowitz, and Michael Byrne who play the leads.

Students-of-the-month have been chosen for January by the committee. Sue Prozeller and Oliver Cass were awarded the honor. Sue, a junior, is a member of the Student Council, Honor Society, and is vice president of the American Field Service. Ollie, a senior, is president of the Student Council and is thus active in school affairs. He is also a member of the National Honor Society and works in the audio-visual department.



MARCYE

'Living Fetus' Is the Issue

By MARTHE LANE STUMPO
Gazette Staff Writer

ABORTION.

Shocked silence greets the mere mention of the word.

To the average person, it is distasteful. It carries with it connotations of clandestine activities carried on in dingy backrooms, of revolting crimes to which it is indecent even to refer.

It seems to matter little whether talking of legal or illegal abortion.

But there is little doubt that among those who seem most shocked at the thought are persons who have had such experiences themselves—the woman who, at some time in her life, has found it necessary to resort to abortion.

The obvious hypocrisy is understandable, in our society.

It does not have to be at all.

NO ONE REALLY knows how many illegal abortions are performed in New York State, but the total has been estimated at 100,000 annually. Many die. The suffering of all these women cannot be estimated.

Legal abortions, under the present law, may be performed on a woman on one single ground: when necessary to save her life.

A bill now before the Assembly Codes Committee would broaden this single existing ground to include these additional circumstances:

—When there is substantial risk that the mother's physical or mental health would be impaired by continued pregnancy or that the infant would be born with a physical or mental defect.

—When the pregnancy resulted from rape or incest.

—When the pregnancy occurred while the woman was unwed and under the age of 15.

THERE ARE INDICATIONS that the majority of New York State residents favor the passage of such a bill. Yet it is said that the bill is scheduled to be killed in committee—that it will not come up for public discussion or to a vote in the legislature.

One obvious reason is with the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church, whose doctrine says it is a mortal sin to destroy a fetus.

A few days ago, in a precedent setting joint pastoral letter, the state's 6.5 million Roman Catholics were mobilized to do all in their power to resist the change. In this, the first time that the state's eight bishops have issued a letter jointly, Catholics were told in 1,700 churches last Sunday that the proposed measure means a direct attack on the lives of unborn children.

"FOR THE PRESENT TIME," said Very Rev. Msgr.



MSGR. J. STANLY ORMSBY

J. Stanly Ormsby, pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary Church here, "my views are the same as those of the Catholic Church, because of our belief that life begins with conception. If there is anything in the future that would show this not to be true, the stand would be re-examined."

Rev. Ormsby said that the stand of his church "goes back to the Middle Ages."

Under Catholic precepts, he said, an unborn child (and that means when conception takes place) has a soul, and abortion is equivalent to murder. The Catholic Church, he said, compares direct attacks on an unborn child to euthanasia—getting rid of a person because of bad health. "The law would open the opportunity for all kinds of people to make a judgment in the matter."

Can't the individual make a judgment on these matters?

"The individual has the right to his conscience," was his reply, "and it is important. But the conscience is controlled and informed by the right law and right reason. A person will form his conscience according to the law."

"Some individuals cannot make their own decisions," he added, noting that "the sick person is not always able to make use of his faculties, cannot always judge, and therefore someone must do it for him."

He likened the state of such a "vegetable person" to that of the fetus in the womb, who also needs protection.

To the often asked question: Why, should the state's Catholics, who are a majority group, try to prevent a change in the laws affecting others than themselves, he replied: "This is a good point. In the final analysis one must follow his conscience, and an individual forms his conscience by knowing other group's viewpoints on this. All have a right to what they believe in, the law affects all. Those who believe differently would have to express themselves and their own beliefs."



REV. J. DONALD JOHNSTON

"If this is right or wrong, then, can be judged by more people who are concerned enough to inform themselves on the subject."

DIRECTLY opposite views were expressed by Rev. J. Donald Johnston last Sunday, when he spoke to his congregation at First Unitarian Church.

He took much of the history for his talk, he said, from an article entitled "Therapeutic Abortions" published March 14, 1964 in the Christian Century and written by Lester Kinsolving, an Episcopal minister.

"The present position of the Catholic Church has been inconsistent with regard to the embryo having a soul from the moment of conception," he stated.

"It was in the Middle Ages, in 1588, that Pope Sixtus V declared that the soul was infused in the fetus at conception, and that all abortions were homicides, but, only three years later, Pope Gregory XIV repudiated this. The present position of the Catholic Church is based on Canon 2350 of Pope Benedict XV in 1917, and an encyclical of Pope Pius XI of 1930.

"Brain waves," Rev. Johnston said, "can only be detected after about seven months."

"I SEE NO REASON for any laws in regard to this," he said, noting that there were no laws on abortion in this country until after the Civil War. "President Ulysses S. Grant gave Anthony Comstock the right to regulate many matters of right and wrong, and many laws came into effect at that time."

"It does not make any more sense for our laws to support the doctrine of the Catholic Church as it does for them to support that of the Christian Scientists with regard to medicine, or that of Jehovah's Witnesses, on blood transfusions. On these matters, people have a civil right," he felt.

"It is sad that women are simply afraid to speak their



MAJ. CECIL HODGSON

minds on this important issue," Rev. Johnston said.

THE UNITARIAN MINISTER has been outspoken in the past on various subjects once considered taboo. "Some one called me a murderer a few years ago when I became president of the Planned Parenthood Association," he recalled. "They asked me then if, to compound the crime, I was also in favor of legal abortion. I replied that I was certainly against illegal abortion," he recalled.

A liberalized law, Rev. Johnston said, would relieve girls such as an 11-year-old girl who was seduced by her father, and who had to give birth to a child.

"Marriages are forced into being simply because of pregnancy," he said. "The marriage goes on the rocks and we have somebody else on the way to the state hospital. But the stigma of illegitimate birth was avoided and the law was obeyed."

"I HAVE HAD TO DO a lot of thinking about this myself," he admitted.

"Nobody seems to give a thought about the unwanted children, after they are born. You have so many Negro babies in some of the larger cities, where there are no places for adoption for them. Young girls who do not want to be forced to have children.

"It's a heck of an environment for a child who is not wanted. I feel more compassion for that child than for the survival of an embryo."

THIS VIEW was shared by Salvation Army Maj. Cecil Hodgson when he said: "I am for this law in cases of young girls of mental illness, where the child would be deformed or if children are to be born who will have to fight an unfavorable environment. This world is tough enough to cope with when all is well." These views, he emphasized, were his own.

The Salvation Army has not taken a stand on the issue.

Maj. Hodgson, whose work includes making birth arrangements for unwed mothers, added that, in his talks with the girls, there had never been any mention of a wish for abortion.

NEXT: Other Clerics Speak Up.

AURRANS, France—Peter Ripple of Youngstown, N.Y., was a member of the No. 2 United States Army team, which finished in 16th place in the biathlon relay event of the Olympic Preview Nordic Ski program here today. Ripple covered the course in the second fastest time of his four-man team. Finland edged Norway to win the skiing event. The No. 1 U.S. team was seventh. Ripple, who has been stationed with the U.S. Army in Anchorage, Alaska, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Ripple, 805 Main Street, Youngstown.

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youth folk-singing will be featured in a y at St. Paul's Metho h at 7:30 p.m. today. ogram, billed as a g Festival," will be church youth center. s will present several hen lead the audience ging.

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Real Estate Board Founder Dies in Lewiston at Age 89



MEMORIES — Mrs. J. Ashton Whipple, left, and Mrs. John E. Vanderburgh, standing, members of Lewiston's Femmes en Force, tell prospective member Mrs. Wendell B. Wilson, center, of their club

Charles O. Hays, 89, one of the founders of the Niagara Falls Real Estate Board, died today (April 18, 1967) in the Fairchild Manor Nursing Home, Lewiston after a long illness. He formerly resided in Washington St.

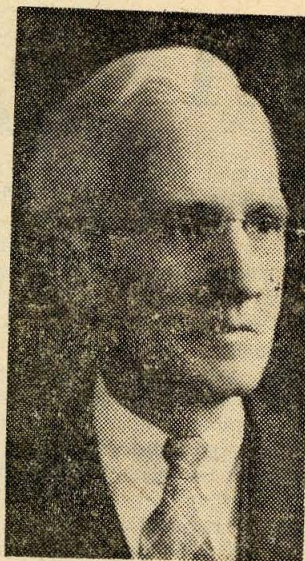
Mr. Hays was born Nov. 6, 1877. He was the son of the late Otis B. and Grace Hays.

Mr. Hays graduated as a chemist from the University of Syracuse in 1904. He was employed by Union Carbide Corp. in the Sault Ste. Marie area for about two years.

He came to Niagara Falls in 1910 and worked in the Union Carbide plant here. In 1911 Mr. Hays left the company and opened a real estate office at Third and Niagara streets. He was in partnership with William T. Morris Sr.

The firm was later moved to 812 Cleveland Ave and named C. O. Hays Real Estate.

Mr. Hays was a founder of



C. O. HAYS

the Niagara Falls Real Estate Board in 1915. He moved his offices to 803 Division Ave. where it is presently located. Mr. Hays was active in the business until about a year ago.

He was a member of the Niagara Falls Rotary Club, the Young Men's Christian Association, a former member of the Niagara Falls Country Club, the Niagara Club, and was a member of the Niagara Falls Boys Club and the First Unitarian Church.

Mrs. Hays died in 1963.

Survivors include a son, Frank D. Hays, Munster, Ind.; two daughters, Mrs. Lyman (Ruth) Baker, Grand Island, chairman of the Grand Island school board, and Mrs. Patrick (Polly) Nieburg, Bonn, Germany; a sister, Mrs. Ella Burton, Alabama Center, N.Y.; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Private memorial services will be held by the family. Arrangements are being made by Cornell & Daggett Funeral Chapel.

The family said contributions to the Niagara Falls Club will be acceptable as tribute.

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UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM AS A WAY OF LIFE

A one-volume, spiral-bound Adult Reading Course assisting the individual to grasp the heritage, history and ideas which are common property in our movement. Prepared by the C.L.F. Minister — George N. Marshall — it draws upon his experiences in guiding individuals to explore by themselves the heritage and faith of our movement. The nine sections (chapters) are each followed by a directed reading program for further study or exploration.

Originally designed for the Church of the Larger Fellowship study program, it is available to others. Cost: \$5.00. Available through the UUA Distribution Center, or directly from C.L.F.

CHURCH OF THE LARGER FELLOWSHIP
25 Beacon Street Boston, Massachusetts 02108

VA Hospital To Honor Volunteers

Arch Cumming of 4021 Washington St. will be presented a Veterans Administration silver emblem Wednesday for serving 2,500 hours this year assisting patients at the VA Hospital in Buffalo.

Mr. Cumming is one of 206 volunteers to receive awards at an annual "Volunteer Recognition Ceremony" to be held at the hospital at 8 p.m.

Dr. M. Herbert Fineberg, hospital director, and Dr. William J. Ford, chief of staff, will be assisted by Miss Loretta G. Kercher, director of voluntary service, in presenting the awards. The Erie County American Legion color guard will open the ceremony.

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SONNET by E.C.S.

AN AGNOSTIC'S FAITH

When I have finished with this earthly span
I know not what may be required of me;
Perhaps a part in some great cosmic plan,--
A share in its Divine complexity.
Or, it might be a great oblivion
Eternal and complete, in which no care
Or thought may enter or intrude upon
The perfect rest of one so unaware.
But I fear not, no matter what death brings.
To play a part in some Eternal plan
Gives me a share in all Eternal things.
And if oblivion ends the mortal span,
I am content, with no regrets, to be
Unblessed by joys that are not known to me.

Edmund C. Sprague.

December 25, 1944

Brought to the attention of Mr. J. Donald Johnston, Minister
by Mrs. Axel Heilborn March, 1967

Mar. 19, 1967

The charter members of this church who are still in
our membership are:

Miss Vera F. Baker, our Clerk
Mrs. William Davis
Mr. A. R. Cumming
Mrs. Karl F. Hutzler
Mrs. J. Allen Johnson

Mar. 19, 1967

(Time) May 1967

Fellowship of Seekers

Sir: I thought your article on the survey
of Unitarians [April 14] was fair and accu-
rate—as far as it went. The trouble is, too
many people know what Unitarians don't
believe in (the divinity of Christ, the vir-
gin birth, etc.), and too few know what we
do believe in.

For Unitarians, the emphasis is on
deeds rather than creeds. We believe that
morality has more to do with the human
use of human beings than with ecclesiasti-
cal laws supposedly handed down on

Mount Sinai. Unitarianism accommodates
a range of viewpoints, from the mysticism
of a Ralph Waldo Emerson to the pro-
found humanism of an Adlai Stevenson,
because Unitarians recognize the tentative
nature of all human knowledge. We refuse
to straitjacket ourselves with fixed creeds
because we want to be open to new truth
as it unfolds—and therein lies our faith:
we're a fellowship of seekers rather than
of people who presume to know.

R. EUGENE BULLOCK
First Unitarian Society of West Newton
Newtonville, Mass.

**Miss Scotty Picked
By Trailer Group**



MISS LORRAINE KIDLA

Miss Lorraine Kidla, 1431
Wyoming Ave., was crowned
Miss Scotty N.Y. 14 at the an-
nual spring dinner of the
Scotty Trail at the LaSalle
Sportsmen's Club.

The new queen, a student
at North Junior High School,
was presented her crown and
robe by Miss Barbara Sipe,
6618 Stephenson Ave., the 1966
queen.

Miss Kidla is an active
member of the Niagara River
Triangle 120. She is a former
flag-bearer and assistant mar-
shal of the organization. She
is also on the financial com-
mittee for the North Junior
Prom.

Miss Kidla will compete for
the national title on Sept. 4 in
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH-NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 1967 11:00 A.M. SERVICE
SERMON:

"A LIFETIME WITH NIAGARA FALLS"

Friday of this week marks the 75th anniversary of the incorporation of the city of Niagara Falls, New York. One of the members of our congregation has been with it most of the intervening years. He came in 1895 when he was nine years old and has been an active citizen ever since. Except for his college years at Ohio State where he graduated in Civil Engineering in 1910, he has resided here, although his first employment as an engineer was with Ontario Power on the other side of the gorge. There he met J. Allen Johnson. With Mr. Johnson and George Cooley he watched over the design and construction of our church building. I shall have Mr. Ernest Wills in the pulpit with me next Sunday to help me bring some of these years to life.

Some will know that Mrs. George Cooley is our historian who quietly but reliably keeps a scrap book of the things published about our members and our activities. Mrs. J. Allen Johnson has been the bulwark of the bazaar since its beginnings. Mr. Johnson died in 1935, Mr. Cooley in 1958, and Mrs. Wills in 1961. Both Mrs. Wills and Mrs. Cooley were born in Niagara Falls.

Given on Nov 66 by Nora Hutzel

The First Unitarian Church

of Niagara Falls

cordially invites you to attend

The Dedication of its New Building

Sunday January Fifteenth, 1921

Dedication Service 11.15 a.m.

Evening Service 8 p.m.

House-warming (informal) Tuesday at 8 p.m.

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Rev. Paul N. Carnes

SPEAKER—The Rev. Paul N. Carnes, minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo, will be the principal speaker at the Cancer Crusade kickoff of the Erie County Unit, American Cancer Society, in Hotel Statler Hilton at 12:15 p.m. April 26. His topic will be "Living With Cancer."

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Local Volunteers Train To Combat Illiteracy

TWENTY MEN AND women have just completed a course for "Literacy Volunteers" sponsored by the Church Women United of Niagara Falls.

What is a "Literacy Volunteer?"

Basically he (or she) is a person dedicated to the purpose of teaching functional illiterates to read and write.

A "functional illiterate" is described as "a person 25 years of age or over with less than five years of formal school training," according to Mrs. Fredrick E. Bastian, 1935 Ridge Road, Lewiston.

Mrs. Bastian and her husband, a retired Corborandum market executive, are co-chairmen of the executive workshop and program in Niagara Falls. In November they attended special training courses in Syracuse under the Literacy Volunteer Organization which was originated in that city.

Theodore Budrow assisted at evening training sessions held here.

THE MAIN PURPOSE of the workshop sessions was to prepare men and women to teach basic key words and sounds; letters and script writing. "We start with the Laubach chart book and progress through other materials," said Mrs. Bastian.

"The blending and bridging sounds is also taught and the groundwork is set so the pupil will be introduced to other texts so he can advance his reading and writing to a third grade level."

Those who have reached this level he will then be encouraged to enter an adult education class for further instruction," she continued.

IS THERE A NEED for such instruction in Niagara Falls? In Niagara County? Definitely so, according to Mrs. Bastian, who said that 1960 census figures showed that 2,500 illiterates live in the city; that close to 8,000 live in Niagara County. More than 5,000 persons admitted to having only from one to four years of formal schooling.

Already 14 potential pupils have indicated an interest in the program being conducted by the inter-faith group composed entirely of volunteers. Teachers will be assigned to students on a one-to-one basis—one student to one



MRS. FREDERICK BASTIAN

teacher. They will meet at least twice a week for hour-long study sessions. "Teaching will be done preferably, in a room in a church near the pupil's home or in an agency such as the YWCA, YMCA, or a community center where quiet and privacy may be observed," said Mrs. Bastian.

SEVERAL PERSONS completing the workshop have indicated they will work with migrants at the work camp in Albion and in the area north or Ridge Road, starting in April.

Participation on the teaching level does not require a college degree according to Mrs. Bastian. "We're looking for persons who are interested in helping others and can learn the basics," she said. "And for the one who will really take a 'personal' interest in the work."

Those interested in information on teaching, or in being taught to read and write may contact Mr. and Mrs. Bastian.

Receiving certificates at the final volunteer session held at St. Paul's Methodist Church were: William O'Donnell, Edward Cassidy, Mrs. Leila Genove, Mrs. Robert Ashton, Miss Ann Hall, Mrs. Alfred Landres, Mrs. Russell Osborn, Mrs. Clyde Thomas, Miss Alicia Gaston, Miss Christine Heuer, Daniel O'Conner, Richard Moore, Mrs. Albert Stock, Mrs. John Fisher and Mrs. Gordon Call, all of Niagara Falls.

Also Sister M. Sheila, O.S.E., Stella Niagara; Mrs. Robert Ketcham, Ransomville; and Gerard Mahoney, Joseph Capodanno and John Bailey O.S.F.S., De Chantal Hall, Lewiston.

GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY is comparatively new in the treatment of neuroses.

The mental health specialists divide the program in two parts.

Using an actual case history, with permission of the patient and with the real name changed, they show what will happen and who will be concerned in the treatment.

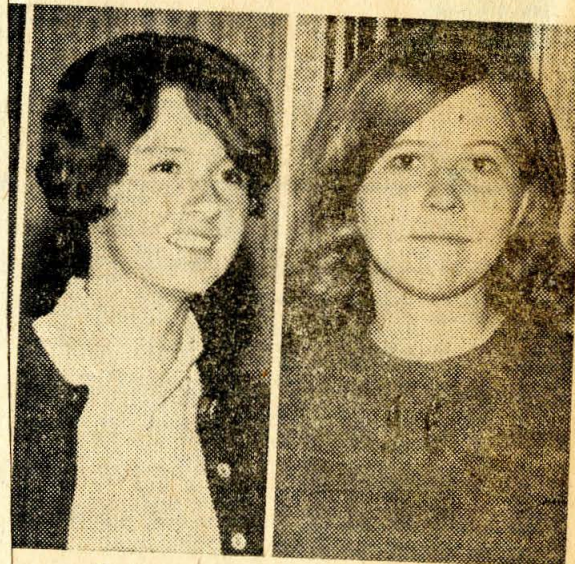
They discuss the patient's problem, outline treatment for each specialist who will come in contact with him or her, and try to prognosticate.

So much for that. Then the professionals demonstrated a group therapy session, taking the parts of patients.

It was grand. Spontaneous and unrehearsed they enthusiastically threw themselves into their roles.

"The air was pretty blue at times," said Rev. J. Donald Johnston, minister of the First Unitarian Church here, who participated.

Dress Code



SUE

JOANNE

JANE

STEP

be allowed the privilege "as long as they don't get out of line."

Jane said, "I'm still a little dependent on my parents to help me decide."

Joanne feels the student body in general dresses well. "The other schools call us the farmers school because we're out in the country but we dress well," she said.

She added, "There are highly developed social cliques here so the kids care how they dress. It takes money for clothes unless you can sew."

Sue disagreed. "I don't

think the way you dress has much to do with the way you're treated or how you turn out. Or even if people like you."

THE FIVE had definite ideas of what constitutes "sloppiness" in school garb.

They said the unshaven look, loafers without socks, feminine styles on boys, too much make-up for girls, and jeans and sweatshirts are "out."

"Anything that doesn't make you look good is sloppy," said Jane.

Steve said, "The girls

aren't as sloppy as the boys are."

JANE AND JOANNE returned the compliment. "The boys are getting better about haircuts."

"We don't have too many eccentrics here," said Stephen.

He said he just got a "three-and-a-half month haircut" in preparation for football team participation.

"Some kids are careful to look messy," said Steve.

"That's the non-conformists conforming," said Sue. "Many kids follow trends trying to feel secure. They want

to be accepted by groups."

"Most of the students here are careful about their dress," said Joanne. "Especially the girls; they have more to look forward to."

THEY ALL SAID they change into casual clothes when they return home after school.

Stephen said he has a paper route so he puts on jeans and a sweatshirt.

Jane said, "I have a horse and like to ride every day. My slacks are all about shot from riding so I'm wearing old blue jeans now."

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THOSE who were senior of 1008 E. Lewiston, and Steve Atkinson, 17, of 834 Orchard Drive, Lewiston; junior, Sue Prozel-ler, 16, of 37 River View Drive, Youngstown; sophomore Stephen Campaigne, 15, of 895 Escarpment Drive, Lewiston; and freshman Jane Shaw, 15, of 935 River Road, Youngstown.

They agreed the choice of clothing should be made by parents and students without benefit of school edicts.

"This is easy here," Sue said, "because about the only school rule we have is to tuck in your shirt and wear a belt."

THE PANELISTS said they shop for their own clothes and feel young people should

Women Voters Urge New Charter for City

By ED BURWELL
Gazette Staff Writer

The president of the League of Women Voters asked members of the Niagara Falls Lions Club Tuesday to support the new proposed city charter "because it is far superior to the charter we have."

Mrs. Claude Fraser, president of the women voters group, also asked the Lions to support the charter because "we may not get another chance."

Voters in the Nov. 8 election will be asked to decide whether the new proposed charter should be adopted.

The question will appear at the far right-hand side of the ballot under local Proposition No. 1.

Mrs. Fraser opened her comments by denying any of the Lions to look up anything in the old charter. She held up the bulky document and noted that since it was adopted in 1916, there had been 228 changes to the charter.

She contended that some of the changes can't even be found.

Form Only in Name

Mrs. Fraser said that the present form of government in the city "merely has the official name of council-manager." She said that actually, the title was put on a weak mayor structure and that the city never has really had a council-manager form of government.

The present charter provides for 53 offices, boards, commissions and committees, many of which have become inactive and no longer serve a purpose, Mrs. Fraser said. She noted that the new charter will eliminate 41 of these groups.

Besides streamlining the bulk of the present charter and the committee structure, Mrs. Fraser said the new charter also will improve the organizational structure of the city's government.

Open to 'Goofs'

She said that under the current organizational structure, responsibilities are hard to define. "It is very hard to put the blame on the person who goofed with the present structure," she said.

Mrs. Fraser said the new organizational chart gives a much clearer representation of organization within the city.

She explained that the League of Women Voters first determined what it thought should be in a city charter, then compared the proposed charter to its model. She said it was after this comparison that the group decided to support adoption of the new charter.

She said council-manager government usually resulted in better councils because more citizens can afford the time to serve on

a part-time council, and that more seek the office.

Council-manager government also results in better administration, Mrs. Fraser said. She noted that some persons have objected to outsiders coming into the city as city managers and she explained that since the charter was adopted there have been only three professional city managers.

The League of Women Voters at first favored staggered terms of office, but Mrs. Fraser explained that the reason for electing the council at the same time was to give greater security to the city manager.

Continuity Noted

She said that continuity between councils was provided by the department heads. "If a councilman does a good job, he is likely to be re-elected," Mrs. Fraser said noting that this also would provide continuity.

Mrs. Fraser said that in the council-manager form of government, the mayor should be a member of the council, with the same powers as the other councilmen. She said that when the mayor is elected separately, there is a tendency for the mayor to assert a great amount of individualism.

The women voters president said that when the mayor is chosen from the council by his fellow councilmen, he is less likely to assert his individualism.

She noted that the new charter centralized fiscal administration in the department of finance combining the operations of the assessor's office and the treasurer.

Savings Cited

Paying taxes on a current basis rather than in advance will save taxpayers money, Mrs. Fraser said, noting that the taxpayers will collect the interest on their cash, rather than the city.

Mrs. Fraser explained that another change in the charter would assess construction projects on a continuing basis rather than annually, which resulted in some projects being delayed until after the assessment period.

During a question and answer period, Mrs. Fraser explained that the city manager could be hired by a simple majority of the council (four votes).

She said the firing procedure was more complex, requiring a two-thirds majority (five votes); notification of the manager 30 days in advance of the action, and a public hearing upon request of the manager.

When asked to review bad points of the charter, Mrs. Fraser said the League of Women Voters would have liked provisions for staggered council terms and non-partisan elections. She contended that 84 per cent of all city governments are elected in non-partisan elections.

Referendum Defended

Mrs. Fraser defended the method of amending the charter by referendum. She said this would prohibit the city council from abolishing job qualifications and fitting the new qualifications to a political appointee.

"With a referendum system, the people decide what the amendments will be," she said. Some persons attending the meeting questioned the referendum method, noting that not many persons will bother to read to the end of the ballot where the proposed amendments would be placed.

Mrs. Fraser concluded by saying that the new charter was "far superior" to the present charter and that it was a good start toward better government.



MRS. CLAUDE FRASER

Recall Procedure Needed in Charter

QUITE A LARGE NUMBER of Niagara Falls citizens assembled last Monday evening at City Hall for what most of us believed would be an open meeting of the Urban Renewal Agency. Instead, Mayor Lackey appeared for a few moments, mumbled something about it being a closed executive session and we should go home, and then disappeared behind a closed door. The citizens of Niagara Falls, who had elected the council members who are

also members of the Urban Renewal Agency, were not to be allowed to state their opinions in an open meeting.

Not only were citizens barred from this meeting, but the three men being attacked by the agency also were kept out. Mr. Cox, Mr. Abramowitz, and Mr. Branche evidently were not to be allowed to defend themselves. Even in a court of law the accused has this right. This behavior by the Urban Renewal Agency seems to me so deplorable that it is scarcely believable.

I wonder if this professional urban renewal staff is to be replaced by political appointees who will not dare to oppose the Niagara Falls City Council and Mayor Lackey's overwhelming ego. If so, poor Niagara Falls!

This city needs a method to recall inept elected officials. The city charter should provide such a method. The time between elections is too long.

This city desperately needs good leadership—elected officials who will have the integrity to take care of the city's requirements instead of indulging in political bickering and deal-making.

Joyce O. Peterson
812-87th St.

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NIAGARA PERSONALITY — At one time J. Donald Johnston described himself as the youngest and worst minister in the state of Iowa. He was still a school boy and quite undecided about a career. Today he is minister of the First Unitarian Church here and still happy about his final selection. Page 8A.



REV.
JOHNSTON

Plan Hootenanny

The Liberal Religious Youth of the Niagara Falls First Unitarian Church are sponsoring a Hootenanny, today from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at the church, 639 Main Street.

Refreshments will be provided. Margaret Johnston and Vicky Potter are co-chairmen. The public is invited.



LAURENCE G. HILL

Hill Takes Westchester Library Post

Laurence G. Hill, director of the Nioga Library System since its organization in 1960, has resigned that post to become director of the Westchester Library System with headquarters in Mount Vernon.

Mr. Hill will assume his new duties in September.

He is a member of the New York Board of Regents Advisory Council on Libraries and State Education Commissioner James E. Allen's Committee on Library Development.

In 1965 he attended a conference on libraries called by Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller.

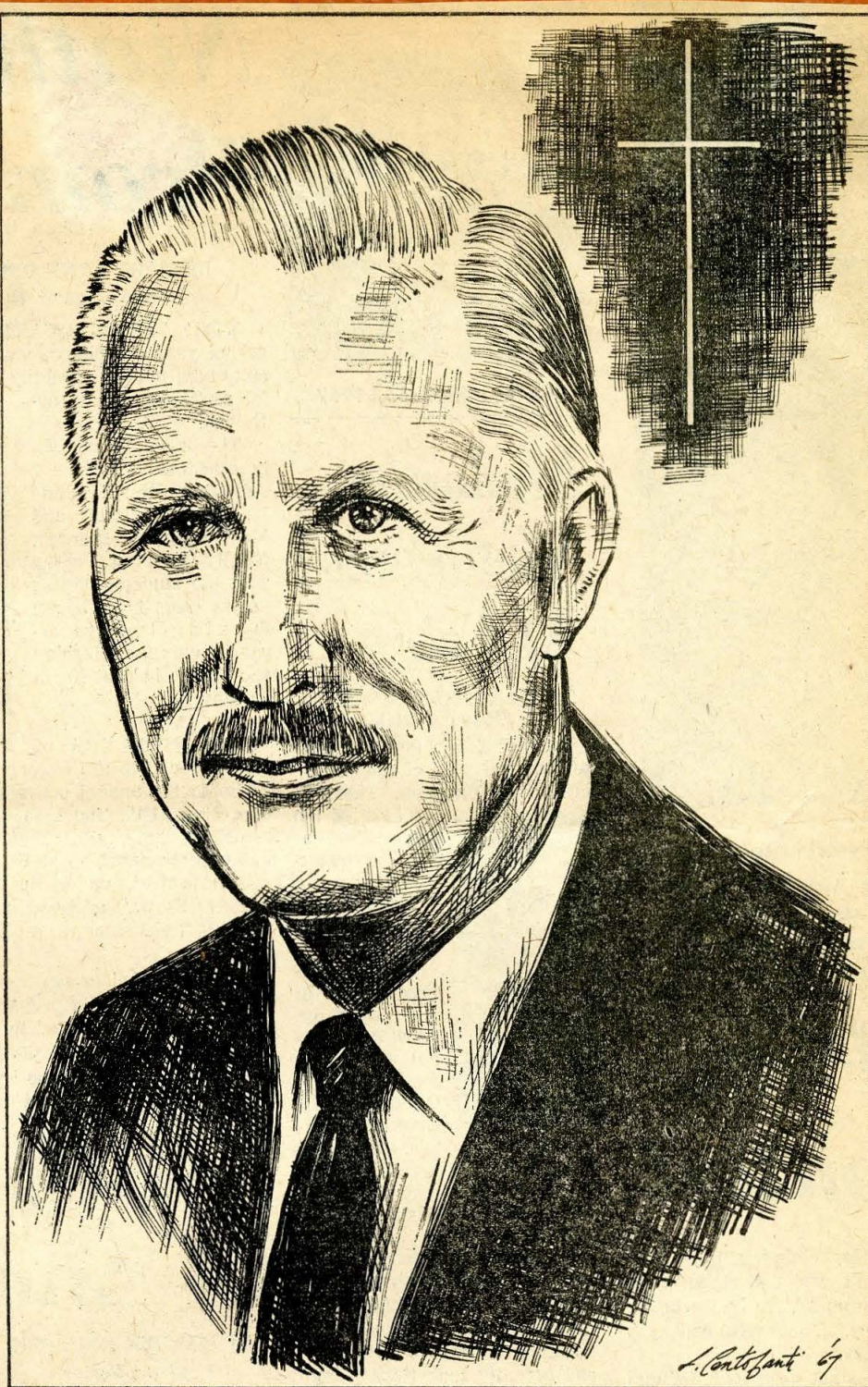
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By MARY HEYDEN
Gazette Staff Writer

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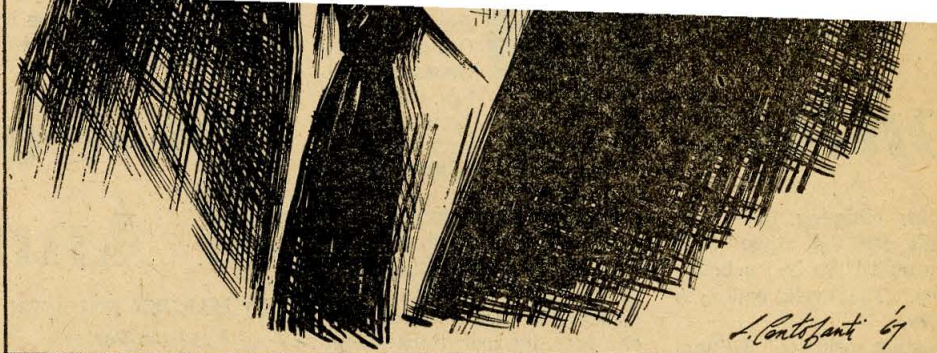
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He had met and worked with many people. He knew Adam Clayton Powell as an acquaintance and was a friend of Frank Learoyd Boyden, renowned headmaster of Deerfield Academy, Foxboro, Mass.

His four year college record read like a man in search of a career.

He majored in history, English, dramatics and graduated from the University of Iowa in 1932 with a major in zoology and chemistry.

He had spent four years working with youth groups.

This, plus a warm capacity for understanding and a desire to serve people, was what he had to offer his congregation and the residents of the city.

THEY WERE QUICK to take advantage of the offer.

Rev. Johnston has served as president of the Planned Parenthood Center of Niagara Falls, and as vice president of the Niagara County Mental Health Association. He has been a member of the budget committee for the United Givers Fund, and the Citizens Committee for Urban Renewal.

In connection with his ministerial work he has been active in pastoral counseling seminars. He is president of the Niagara Frontier Council of Unitarian Universalist Churches and president of the Iroquois Ministers Association (St. Lawrence District), and a member of the Commission of Education for the Unitarian Universalist Association.

If the ministry was not at first a strong inclination in Mr. Johnston's life, the influence was at least there at an early age.

He was born in Canoba, South Dakota, the son of J. Glenn and Florence Johnston.

HIS FATHER was a drug-gist and his mother was and is a schoolteacher. At the age of 81 she still teaches in midwest schools.

The family moved to Stuart, Iowa, and Mr. Johnston went to school with his mother.

"Those were the days of the country schoolhouses," he said. "She'd bundle me up in the buggy with her and away we went behind an old horse named Betty. I sat through morning lessons and then slept on a bench in the back of the room during the afternoons, until I was old enough to stay awake."

When Mr. Johnston was in high school he won the "Iowa Nine" oratorical contest.

"I liked debating and I

guess I was orally fixated at an early age," he said.

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AFTER GRADUATING from the University of Iowa in 1932 he decided definitely that the ministry was the career he wanted.

"I couldn't get away from it," he said. "I was going into the field of physiological research but there was just something about the ministry that appealed to me."

He attended Meadville Theological School at the University of Chicago for two years. While there he met Margaret Howe during services at the Unitarian Church. The couple was married four years later, in 1937.

In 1935 Mr. Johnston went to American Unitarian Association Headquarters in Boston where he served as director of youth work until 1938.

Rev. Johnston's first church was a Unitarian congregation in Flushing, Long Island, at the time of the World's Fair.

"We listened to Finlandia every night for two summers," he said.

Adam Clayton Powell, young clergyman and beginning politician, was a guest speaker at the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnston's two elder daughters, Jeanne and Elizabeth, were born while they were at the Flushing Church.

THE NEXT MOVE was to a Unitarian church in Keene, N.H., for a four year stay.

From there Mr. Johnston accepted a call to the Unitarian Church in Newport, R.I. Another daughter, Margaret, was born while the family lived in Newport.

"This was an especially enjoyable assignment," he said. "The country's first atheneum, the Redwood Library, was there and ministers were allowed to use it free of charge."

From 1953 to 1958 Mr. Johnston served the First Church of Deerfield, Mass.

"Deerfield was a school town," he said. "Our son, Bradford, stayed on after we left so he could finish his schooling because he liked it so well."

From Deerfield Mr. Johnston went to Bethesda, Md., to serve the Cedar Lane Unitarian Church. This assignment lasted until 1961 when he accepted a call to the church here.

He has never regretted his decision to become a minister.

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REV. JOHNSTON is as easy-going, unshockable, tolerant and straight forward as his religion.

"The most important thing is that a person must be honest with himself," he said. "There are no stated beliefs in the Unitarian Church. Unitarians believe what they believe and that's it. It could be almost anything. Or it could be nothing. We have non-believers too."

In the summer Rev. Johnston and his family spend as much time as possible at a country home in Vermont which they've had for many years.

"I'm a farmer at heart," Rev. Johnston said. "I get to acting like an old biddy about houseplants. I like wildflowers and walking in the woods. I'm never lonely in the country."